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## MINUTES.

Nashville, Tenx., May 17, 1894.
The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met in the Moore Memorial Church, Nashville, Tenn., May 17, 1894, at 11 o'clock A. M., and, by request of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. M. P. Otts, D. D., on Isa. ii. 3, 4: "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plonghshares, and their spears into proning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Matt. xxviii. 18-20: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even muto the end of the world. Amen."

The Assembly was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.
The Stated Clerk announced that he had been officially notified that the Synod of Virginia had erected an additional Presbytery, known as the Presbytery of Norfolk.

The Stated Clerk announced that the following named Commissioners had been enrolled:
I. SINOD OF ALABAMA.


## II. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS.

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1. Arkansas, . . . . . . . . O. B. Wilson, . . . . . . .
2. Ouarlitre, . . . . . . . J. . Dickson, D. D., . . .
3. Pine Blutf, . . . . . . . J. W. Moseley, . . . . . .
4. Washboume, . . . . . . . M. MeN. McKay, . . . . .
III. SYNOD OF FLORIDA.
5. Florida. . . . . . . . . . H. S. Yerger, D. D.. . . . . . J. T. Yorter.
6. St. Johns, . . . . . . . . W. W. Elwang. . . . . . . . . J. W. Smock.
7. Suwanee, . . . . . . . . J. B. Morton. . . . . . . . . . Geo. E. Campbell.

## IV. SYNOD OF GEORGLA.

1. Athens. . . . . . . . . . W. O. Phillips, . . . . . . . . J. McC. Bryan.
2. Atluntu. . . . . . . . Chalmers Fraser. . . . . . . . J. W. Suggs.
" . . . . . . . . . F. I. Gaines. . . . . . . . . . J. C. Daniel.
3. Augustr, . . . . . . . . J. M. Plowden, . . . . . . . . J. W. Wrallace.
4. Cheroke, . . . . . . . . M. A. Matthews, . . . . . . . W. D. Hoyt.
5. Maron. . . . . . . . . . S. L. Morris, D. D.. . . . . . . W. E. Harvin.
6. Suvanrirk. . . . . . . . . Charles C. Carson. . . . . . . W. P. Waite.

## V. SY゙NOD OF KENTUCKY.

1. Ebentzer. . . . . . . . . W. H. Neel, . . . . . . . . . R. M. Byers.
2. Louiscille, . . . . . . . . T. E. Converse, D. D.. . . . . Vincent Davis.
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3. Muhlenburg, . . . . . . . . J. K. Patterson. . . . . . . . J. P. Hohson. . . . . . . . . . . J. G. Barkley.
4. Paducuh. . . . . . . . . J. G. Patton. . . . . . . . . . Malcoln Yeaman.
5. Transyleanir. . . . . . . L. H. Blanton, D. D... . . . . Geo. D. White.
6. West Lexington. . . . . . E. E. Ervin, . . . . . . . . . D. B. Price.

## VI. SINOD OF MEMPHIS.

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2. Memphix, . . . . . . J. II. Lumpkin, . . . . . . . . Wm. M. Hall.
3. North Missixsippi, . . . . J. F. Lloyd, . . . . . . . . . H. A. Buford.
4. Western District. . . . . J. T. Rothrock, . . . . . . . . J. D. IIill.
VII. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI.


## Syrod of Missouri-Continued.

Presbyteries.
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4. Potosi,
5. St. Louis,
6. Upper Missourri,

Ministers.
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M. G. Gorin,
E. McNair,

Iruling Elders.
W. Shields McClintic.
R. T. Henderson.
T. S. McPheeters.
R. F. Erwin.
IX. SYNOD OF NASHVILLE.

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2. Holston. . . . . . . . . Frank McCutchan, . . . . . . A. F. Hoss.
3. Fnoxville. . . . . . . . J. M. LaBach, D. D., . . . . . John W. Faxon.
4. Tashrille. . . . . . . . . George Summey, D. D... . . . R. M. Reams.
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X. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.


NI. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

1. Bethel, . . . . . . . . . J. H. Thornwell, D. D., . . . . J. F. Lindsey.
". . . . . . . . . W. M. McPheeters. D. D., . . A. P. Brown.
2. Charleston, . . . . . . . F. L. Leeper, . . . . . . . . . C. IV. Suber.
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3. Enoree, . . . . . . . . G. A. Blackburn, . . . . . . . J. B. Morrison.
4. Harmony, . . . . . . . . Whomas H. Law. Mills, . . . . . . . . . C. R. Harvin.
5. Pee Dee. . . . . . . . . J. G. Law, . . . . . . . . . . D. T. McNeill.
6. South Carolina, . . . . . R. C. Ligon, . . . . . . . . . L. W. White.

## XII. SYNOD OF TEXAS.


XIII. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

1. Abingdon, . . . . . . . F. T. McFaden, . . . . . . . H. B. Haller.
2. Chesapeatie,
T. H. Rice, Jr., $\qquad$


The Rev. James R. Graham, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Winchester, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Thomas H. Law, D. D., a commissioner from the Presbytery of Enoree, and the Rev. F. B. Webb, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Columbia, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Assembly had recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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3: 30 \text { o'clock P. м. }
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The Assembly met, the Rev. George Summey D. D., occupying the chair at the request of the Moderator.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Publication was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication, when such committee shall have been appointed.

The privileges of the floor were extended to the Rev. Angus McDonald, D. D., the pastor of the church in whose house of worship the Assembly meets.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry was read by the Secretary, Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject, to be appointed.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Home Missions was read by the Secretary, Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., and, together with a Manual, prepared by said committee, was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions, when appointed.

The Auditing Committee's Report on the Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions was referred to the Assembly's Auditing Committee.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. L. Phillips, and was referred to the Standing Committee on that subject, except so much of it as concerns co-operation in its work with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of one commissioner from each Synod, to be appointed by the Moderator.

The Annual Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions was read by the Acting Secretary, Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., and was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, to be appointed.

The Assembly fixed upon the following hours for its daily sessions, viz. : From 9 o'clock a. м. till $12: 30$ r. м.; from 2 p. м. until recess, at the pleasure of the Assembly ; and the night sessions to begin at 8 o'clock.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock P. м.

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The Assembly met, Dr. Summey occupying the chair.
The Annual Report of the Assembly's Home and School, at Fredericksburg, Va., was read by Rev. Dr. Rosebro, and was referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the acting Moderator, and its consideration was made the order of the day for to-morrow evening. The Moderator announced the following as said special committee : Eugene Daniel, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., and Ruling Elder Thomas S. McPheeters.

The Rev. R. E. Steele, seamen's chaplain at New Orleans, was heard concerning the Bethel work in that city. A collection was taken in aid of it, and Rev. J. H. Alexander, D. D., was appointed by the Moderator to report a minute touching the work.

The Assembly resolved that this evening's session should terminate at $9: 30$ o'clock.

The report of the ad interim committee on modifications in the
present method of administering the work of Foreign Missions was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by the Acting Moderator.

## SECOND DAY.

Nar 18, 9 óclock A. m.
The Assembly met, and was opened with derotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.
The Stated Clerk announced the enrolment of the following additional commissioners: Ruling Elders, J. B. Morrison, from Charleston Presbytery; J. R. Wilson, from Concord Presbytery; J. G. Barkley from Mecklenburg Presbytery; J. T. Porter, from Florida Presbytery; W. H. Wilson, from West Hanover Presbytery; A. P. Brown, from Bethel Presbytery; R. C. Knox, from Pine Bluff Presbytery; and D. T. McNeill, from Pee Dee Presbytery; and Ministers, Joshna Plipps, from Western Texas Presbytery ; M. A. Matthews, from Cherokee Presbytery ; D. McQueen, from North Alabama Presbytery ; F. L. Allen, from Eastern Texas Presbytery; G. T. Storer, from Central Texas Presbytery ; and $\mathbb{N}$. M. McElwee, from Lexington Presbytery.

The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:
Bills and Oyertures.-Judge J. W. Lapsley, J. M. P. Otts, D. D.. W. M. McPheeters, D. D., S. L. Morris, D. D., J. Barbee, W. H. Woods, M. McN. MeKay, J. C. Tate, J. M. Purcell, M. Yeaman, W. C. Clayton, James Miller, F. M. Farr', J. W. Moore, C. L. Pond, J. C. Daniel, W. II. Gee.

Judiclal Committee.-Geo. Summey, D. D., R. R. IIowison, J. A. Dickson, D. D., M. M. Dixon, E. Mc.Nair, G. T. Lyle, J. L. Marye, J. B. McLane, C. R. Marvin, J. W. Suggs.

Home Misshoss.-Eugene Daniel. D. D., W. E. McIlwain, E. W. Smith, J. H. Lumpkin, M. B. Shaw, J. E. Booker, J. W. Moseley, E. E. Erwin, J. E. Latham, T. Harrison, J. W. Smock, W. D. Hoyt, V. Davis, H. C. Krebs, J. L. Woodbridge.

Foreign Mtshoss.-H. M. White, D. D., J. M. LaBach, D. D., M. G. Gorin, W. W. Mills; A. T. Graham, S. T. Ruffner, J. M. Plowden, T. II. Rice, Jr., C. E. Graham, A. Nicolassen, F. E. Hastings, D. B. Price. TV. M. Hall, R. M. Reams, J. M. Sydenstricker.

Edecathoz.-J. H. Alexander, D. D., J. M. Wharey, D. D., W. II. Neel, Chatmers Fraser, F. T. McFaden, R. If. C'aldwell, J. M. Switzer. C. W. Suber, G. H. B. Hockaday, Capt. R. C. Brown.

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Colored Etavgelization-LL. H. Blanton, D. D., E. P. Davis, E. A. Smith, A. J. Mchelway, R. H. Alston, G. W. Watts, L. W. White, A. H. Roller, A. F. Hoss.

Sabbath-Schools-F. H. Gaines, R. A. Robinson, P. H. Hensley, F. W. Sneed. J. W. Siler, J. W. Faxon, J. W. Wallace, T. F. Mimms, J. F. Lindsey.

Foreigy Correapondexce.-H. R. Raymond, D. D., G. A. Blackburn, J. W. Walden, W. K. Patterson, J. W. Sexton, S. B. Deane, T. J. Wharton, R. C. McPhaill.

Thenlogical Semiviries.-J. W. Rosebro, D. D., T. E. Converse, D. D., A. McFadyen. J. G. Law, S. B. Camphell, D. D., W. P. Waite. J. S. Lafferty, D. H. Houston.

Sistematic Bexeficence.-J. T. Rothroc̣k, J. B. Morton, W. T. Doggett. J. ('. Miller, R. H. Thompson, H. A. Buford.

Narrative. - J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. G. Patton, C. J. Ralston, J. A. McMurray, James Sorley, S. P. Christian, Jno. Riley, J. H. Moore.

Bible Cacse.-H. S. Yerger, D. D., W. O. Phillips, P. Gowan, R. C. Ligon, G. A. Long, H. B. Haller, A. Moseley, R. T. Henderson, R. S. Murdock.

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Arditine Committee-T. S. MePheeters, R. W. Harding, Frank MeNeill, R. B. Marion.

Devotional Exerciem-Frank MeC'utchan, R. S. Burwell, R. S. Cowan, W. W. Stephenson.

## ON SYNODICAL RECORDS.

Alabimi.-J. E. Booker, F. B. Deane.
Arkinsin- J. W. Sexton, Jas. C. Miller.
Florida_-J. D. McLean, R. C. McPhaill.
Georgla.-H. M. Dixon, C. E. Graham.
Kenticki.-R. S. Burwell, J. W. Faxon.
Mempilis.-M. G. Gorin, R. T. Henderson.
Misoorri.-E. W. Ford, A. Murdock.
Misilsitipl.—J. If. Lumpkin, J. D. Hill.
Nasimidie.-J. C. Tate, D. B. Price.
Nortil Carolisa.-W. W. Elwang, G. E. Campbell.
Solthi Carolina.-T. E. Converse, D. D., V. Davis.
Texis--J. W. Moseley, F. E. Hastings.
Vimennin-J. M. P. Otts. D. D., T. Harrison.
The Stated Clerk presented the Rev. C. A. Tron, of the Church of the Waldenses, who was welcomed by the Assembly, and 10 o'clock to-morrow morning was appointed the hour for hearing him.

The Rev. Alexander McLean, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, was also welcomed by the Assembly, and it was made the second order of the day to-morrow morning to hear him concerning the work he represents.

Overtures were read and referred to appropriate standing or special committees, as follows: From the Presbytery of Memphis relating to the Invalid Fund; referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. From the same Presbytery relating to Statistical Reports; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. From the Presbytery of Maryland relating to uniting the "Nissionary" and the "Home Nisssionary"; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. From Tuskaloosa Presbytery relating to Statistical Reports; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. From West Hanover Presbytery on licensing candidates; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From Lonisville Presbytery on the interpretation of the word "emergency" in par. 79 of the Book of Church Order, and on the licensing of candidates; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Paris on Young People's Societies.

At this juncture the report of the al interim Committee on Young People's Societies was called for and read. Whereupon the Rev. J. M. Purcell offered, and the Assembly adopted, the following paper:

[^0]Additional overtures were read and referred as follows: From the Presbytery of Louisiana on co-operation in Colored Evangelization ; referred to a special committee on that matter. From the Synod of North Carolina tonching closer relations with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From the Synod of North Carolina relating to the transfer of members in the organization of new Presbyteries; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Ebenezer on colored evangelization; referred to the special committee on that subject. A memorial from the Board of Visitors of the

Thornwell Orphanage in regard to statistical column ; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. From Enoree Presbytery an overture on licensure ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From East Hanover Presbytery tonching change in the Book of Church Order ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Washbourne relating to marriage ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa on statistical tables; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa to discontinue the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization; referred to the special committee on that subject. From the Presbytery of Ebenezer on organic union with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa on candidates receiving funds; referred to the Standing Committee on Education. From the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa touching funds for education which do not pass through the Executive Committee; referred to the Standing Committee on Education; from the Presbytery of Athens on evangelizing the Jews; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Albemarle on a bureau of information for vacant churches and unemployed ministers; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Albemarle for an ad interim Committee on Sunday-School Lessons; referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools. From the Presbytery of Potosi touching the pastoral relation ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Central Texas on a name for young people's societies ; referred to the special committee on such societies. From the Presbytery of Central Texas on co-operation in Colored Evangelization; referred to the special committee on that subject. From Onachita Presbytery on a bureau of correspondence between vacant churches and unemployed ministers ; referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. From the Presbytery of Lexington on sessional and presbyterial blanks; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. From the Presbytery of Lexington asking interpretation of Paragraph 87 of the Book of Church Order; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Lexington on a burean of information for vacant churches and unemployed ministers ; referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. From the Presbytery of Lexington to declare unconstitutional the action of the last Assembly on the ordination of foreign evangelists ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the

Presbytery of Central Mississippi on a bureau for the information of vacant churches and momployed ministers; referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. From the Presbytery of Indian for the establishing of schools in the Indian territory; referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions. From the Presbytery of Potosi on setting aside an elder ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Orertures. From the Presbytery of Holston for the appointment of a committee on organic union with the Preslyterian Church in the United States of America; referred to a special committee, to be appointed, to whom shall be referred also all overtures and papers tonching the same matter, said special committee to consist of one commissioner from each Synod. From the Presbytery of Florida on change in the Book of Church Order as to meetings of Synod; referred to the Committee on Bills and Orertures. From the Presbytery of Meckleuburg on the interpretation of the provision in the Book of Church Order relating to "extraordinary cases" ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Roanoke touching the ordination of evangelists in foreign countries; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From Charleston Presbytery on licensure of candidates; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From W. S. Red touching the holding of private opinions contrary to our Standards of Faith, etc.; referred to theCommittee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of South Alabama in regard to a ruling elder's delivering the charge at the installation of a pastor; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Augusta touching the relation of the Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., to said Presbytery; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Cherokee on colored evangelization; referred to the special committee on that subject. From the Presbytery of Wilmington on licensing candidates and beneficiary education ; referred, the first part, to the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and the second part to the Standing Committee on Education. From the Presbytery of Cherokee on statistical tables; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. From the Presbytery of Dallas touching a depository; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication. From the same Presbytery on colored evangelization ; referred to the special committee on that subject. From the Presbytery of Palmyra on questions in the Narrative blank; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From sereral individuals on the subject of baptism ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From R. K. Smoot as to an interpretation
of the constitution ; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Abingdon to discontinue connection with the Alliance of Reformed Churches; referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From the same Presbytery on Swedenborgian baptism; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Memphis on the demission of the office of ruling elder and deacon; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From the Presbytery of Bethel on changing the constitution as to licensure; referred to a special committee, to be appointed, consisting of one commissioner from each Syood, and to which all similar papers shall be transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From W. McF. Alexander on the dissolution of the relation of elder and deacon to their church; referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. From J. N. Bradshaw a memorial to collate deliverances on worldly amusements; referred to the Standing Committee on Publication.

An appeal of Charleston Presbytery from the decision of the Synod of South Carolina, in the matter of a complaint of A. H. and E. M. Monteith against said Presbytery, was read and referred to the Judicial Committee. The Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Carolina, placed in the hands of the Assembly the official record of this case, and officially informed the Assembly that the Rev. J. Wm. Flinn, D. D., and Ruling Elder W. A. Clark had been appointed to represent the Synod.

The Moderator announced the following Special Committee on Organic Union: Revs. Geo. Summey, D. D., Eugene Daniel, D. D., J. W. Rosebro, D. D., W. M. McPheeters, D. D., H. B. Boude, D. D., J. W. Walden, J. M. Purcell; and Ruling Elders T. Harrison, Vincent Davis, W. M. Hall, W. D. Hoyt, W. H. Gee, G. E. Campbell.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that the Assembly spend the hour from $11: 30$ to $12: 30$ each day in public worship, and that the Rev. E. W. Smith conduct these services at that hour to-morrow. Approved.

The Assembly had recess until 2 o'clock p. m.
2 o'clock p. м.
The Assembly met.
An invitation was received from J. D. Blanton, President of Ward Seminary, that the Assembly attend a social gathering at that insti-
tution next Wednesday evening. The courtesy was acknowledged, and it was resolved that the Assembly adjourn Wednesday afternoon until 9 o'clock Thursdar morning, that the members may accept the invitation.

The Annual Reports of the Directors of Union, Columbia, Southwestern Presbyterian, and Louisville Theological Seminaries were read, and referred to the Standing Committees on Theological Seminaries.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the General Assembly was read, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Stated Clerk announced the responses of Presbyteries to the overture on the Revised Directory for Worship, and these answers were referred to a special committee appointed by the Moderator, as follows: Revs. D. McQueen and W. M. McElwee, and Ruling Elders D. T. McNeill, J. B: Morrison, and J. T. Porter.

A memorial from the "National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity" was read in part and laid on the table.

A fraternal communication was read from the Reformed Church in America, and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A communication from the American Sabbath Union was referred to the Committee on the Sabbath, to be appointed.

A communication from the Rev. W. A. Campbell, D. D., touching the Ecclesiastical Peace Conference, was read and put upon the docket.

The report of the ad interim Committee on changes in the Constitution with regard to the licensure of candidates was referred to a special committee which the Moderator named, as follows: T. E. Converse, D. D., W. W. Elwang, H. B. Bonde, D. D., F. McCutchan, J. M. P. Otts, D. D., G. T. Storey, S. L. Morris, D. D., W. C. Clayton, F. E. Hastings, Geo. Johnston, Jno. W. Faxon, J. R. Wilson, J. F. Lindsey.

An invitation from the First Church, at Dallas, Texas, and from the Presbytery of Dallas, that the next Assembly meet in said church, was read and put upon the docket.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Young People's Societies : J. M. Purcell, J. M. Wharey, D. D., J. H. Lumpkin, M. G. Gorin, M. Yeaman, C. W. Suber, J. L. Marye.

The Stated Clerk announced the enrolment of Ruling Elder W. E. McRae as a commissioner from the Presbytery of Ouachita.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock p. м.
8 o'clock p. м.
The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises, Rev. Dr. Rosebro occupying the chair at the request of the Moderator.

The following was announced as the Special Committee on Colored Evangelization: Eugene Daniel, D. D., J. M. P. Otts, D. D., W. M. McPheeters, D. D., J. H. Alexander, D. D., J. W. Moseley, F. B. Webb, T. S. McPheeters, A. Nicolassen, J. Miller, J. W. Suggs, H. A. Buford, and J. W. Smock.

Dr. Daniel presented the report of the Special Committee on the Assembly's Home and School. Pending its consideration, Rev. A. P. Saunders, Principal of the School, and Rev. Dr. Chester, Acting Secretary of Foreign Missions, by invitation, addressed the Assembly on the subject. The report was adopted seriatim, and is as follows:

The committee to whom the General Assembly has referred the report of the Board of Trustees of the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, would report as follows:

The committee has examined with care the papers given them, viz. : (1), A narrative of the progress of the institution; (2), A financial statement from its treasurer; and (3), The charter under which it is incorporated. These papers show that the proceedings of the Board have been in accordance with the provisions of the charter, and that this most laudable undertaking has made encouraging advancement under a managenent of distinguished zeal and wisdom. With warm commendation of the diligence of the Trustees, and especially of the devoted and successful service of Rev. A. P. Saunders, the Principal of the Home and School, your committee would submit to the General Assembly the following recommendations:

First. That the Assembly express its grateful appreciation of the faithfulness, diligence and wisdom of the Board of Trustees of the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., in the inauguration and successful establishment of this important enterprise of the church.

Second. That in view of the great need of a training school, and the special advantages afforded by the Home and School for the economical and successful operation of such an enterprise, the Board of Trustees be authorized to annex this feature to their work, and that it be cordially commended to the support of all the churches.

Third. That the plan of operation of the Home and School be approved; that the ministers be urged to give to this institution in which they are so particularly interested their personal support, and that all of the churches be urged to aid in the maintenance of scholarships in the Home.
E. DANIEL, Chairman.
T. S. MoPHEETERS.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported appointments for the Lord's day. The report was approved.

The enrolment of Ruling Elder Geo. D. White, as a commissioner from Transylvania Presbytery, was announced.

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by Dr. Rosebro.

## THIRD DAY.

May 19, 9 o'clock a. m.
The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. T. H. Law, D. D.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
The Special Committee on Coöperation in Colored Evangelization was permitted to retire from the house for half an hour, and the Committee on Bills and Orertures to meet while the Assembly is in session.

The Stated Clerk announced the enrolment of additional Commissioners, viz. : W. S. McClintic, ruling elder from Palmyra Presbytery, and J. P. Hobson, ruling elder from the Presbytery of Louisville.

An overture from the Presbytery of North Alabarna on organic union, and another from the same Presbytery, asking the appointment of a committee to confer with a committee of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, should it be appointed, on coöperation, were referred to the Special Committee on Organic Union.

An overture on co-operation in work for the colored people from Eastern Texas Presbytery was referred to the Special Committee on Colored Evangelization.

A commmication from Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, touching the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system was read and referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The letter from the Church of the Waldenses, in Italy, accrediting the Rev. C. A. Tron to this Assembly, was ordered to. be spread upon the minutes, and is as follows:

## Monsieur le Président et Messieurs les Membrex de l' Assemblée Générale de l'Eglise Pres-

 bytérienne dans les Etats Unis.Torre-Pellice, Italie, le 3 Avril, 1894.
Très Honoré Monsieur le Président, vénérés Frères en Cirmist: Nous saisissons avee empressement l'occasion qui s'offre à nous de faire représenter notre Eglise à votre prochaine Assemblée Générale qui se réunira au mois de Mai.

Notre frère Monsieur Carlo Alberto Tron, pasteur à St. Germain et membre de notre Comité d'Evangélisation, partira dans quelques jours pour les Etats Unis et nous sommes heureux de lui confier l'honorable mandat d'assister à votre Assemblée et de vous présenter, avec nos meilleurs vœux, l'assurance de nos sentiments de sincère gratitude pour les témoignages généreux que vous avez donné à notre Eglise, en l'aidant à poursuivre sa mission dans la vaste péninsule italienne.

Notre délegué vous dira aussi quelles sont nos nécessités présentes et combien nous avons sujet de bénir le Seigneur pour les succès qu’il a accordé à notre travail.

En demandant au Souverain Chef de l'Eglise de bénir abondamment votre fidèle et noble Eglise, nous vous prions, honorés Messieurs, d'agréer les salutations respeetueuses de nos dévoués dans le Seigneur.

Les Membres de la Table Vaudoise, et pour eux,
T. P. PONS, Modérateur.

The Special Committee on Coöperation in Colored Evangelization made a report, which was docketed.

The Assembly then heard the Rev. C. A. Tron, delegate from the Church of the Waldenses, to whom the Moderator responded in fitting terms.

The Rev. Dr. Alexander McLean, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, addressed the Assembly on the work of that institution. The address was referred to the Standing Committee on the Bible Cause.

It was made the first order of the day for Wednesday next to hear the reports on Synodical Records.

It was made the order of the day for Tuesday evening next to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

It was made the order of the day for Monday evening next to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

It was made the order of the day for $2: 30$ o'clock Monday afternoon to select the place for the meeting of the next Assembly.

The Special Committee on Licensing Candidates was permitted to retire from the house.

On motion of the Rev. Frank McCutchan, the Assembly adopted the following :

Inasmuch as the number of overtures and memorials from the Presbyteries, increasing from year to year, greatly burdens the Assembly with work, much of which can be as well performed by their respective Synods, the Assembly recommends to the Presbyteries that, in the matter of overtures, the Synod be not passed over, except in cases clearly calling for the action of the Assembly.

The report of the Special Committee on Coöperation in the Colored Work was taken from the docket, unanimously adopted, and is as follows:

The Special Committee to whom the Assembly has referred so much of the report of the Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization as relates to cooiperation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America with the Preshyterian Church in the United States, and also overtures from the Presbyteries of Louisiana, Ebenezer, Cherokee and Eastern Texas, touching the same matter, would report as follows:

The committee has examined the papers mentioned. It is found that the Executive Committee, in submitting the results of the Birmingham Conference, says:
"In the judgment of your committee this plan is the only one now practicable. The committee has no impendent advocacy to offer in its behalf. If the church does not favor it, what better reason could there be for its rejection? If it were adopted by the Assembly with a large or influential oppositiou, it could not be put into effective operation."

The Special Committee being persuaded that "the church does not favor" the plan, but that it meets with "large and influential opposition," and "cannot be put into effective operation," would recommend that the Assembly decline to adopt it, but that the diligence of the committee, and its desire to acquiesce in the will of the church, be commended. The Assembly also rejoices in the spirit of fraternity and mutual confidence manifested by the two committees in conference.

| EUGENE DANIEL, Chairman, | A. NICOLASSEN, |
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| JOHN W. MOSELEY, | J. W. SUGGS, |
| J. M. P. OTTS, | H. A. BUFORD, |
| F. B. WEBB, | T. S. MCPHEETERS, |
| J. H. ALEXANDER, | L. H. BLANTON, |

J. W. SMOCK.

The following telegram from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was received, and was referred to the Special Committee on Organic Union :
"The General Assembly, in session at Saratoga, has cordially and unanimously" adopted the following resolution:
"Resolved, That a special committee of nine be appointed by the Moderator to confer with a similar committee, if one should be appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to take Into consideration the whole question of organic union of the two bodies upon the basis of our common standards, and to report to the next Assembly.

[^1]"Wm. Henry Roberts. Stated Clerk."

The Assembly receded from business at $11: 30$ o'clock for public worship, conducted by Rev. E. W. Smith.

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. H. M. White, D. D.

## FOURTH DAY.

May 21, 9 óclock a. m.
The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. F. B. Webb.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.
An overture from the Presbytery of Atlanta, touching the reporting of the name of an indefinitely suspended minister, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An overture from the Presbytery of North Alabama on coöperation in Home Mission work with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, was referred to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

An overture from the Presbytery of North Alabama on Organic Union, or closer coöperation with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, was referred to the Special Committee on Organic Union.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee, in view of the deliverances of former Assemblies calling upon Presbyteries to appoint such commissioners as would remain throughout the entire session of the Assembly, in view of the commission granted by the Presbyteries to their commissioners, viz., "to consult, vote and determine on all things that may come before that body," etc., and in view of the vast amount of business, together with great importance of the same, would report to the Assembly, for the information of the commissioners, that it feels it to be its duty to be very strict in the matter of granting leave of absence, and shall endeavor to grant such leave only in extreme cases.
J. D. McLEAN, Chairman.

The Standing Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that the Rev. A. J. McKelway conduct public worship today at 11:30 A. M. Approved.

An invitation from the Masonic Library Association, of Nashville, to visit their rooms, was acknowledged with thanks.

The communication from the Rev. Dr. W. A. Campbell, in regard to the Ecclesiastical Peace Conference, was taken from the docket and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. R. R. Howison and Rev. S. B. Campbell, D. D., and Ruling Elder John Riley.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a partial report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports on the overture from the Synod of North Carolina, as follows:

The overture asks the Assembly to appoint a committer with instructions to present to the Associate Reformed Synod of the South our desire of closer relations with said chureh.

The committee finds on consulting Alexander's Digest, pp. 406-' $\boldsymbol{-}$-'8, that this Assembly in 1861 did make said Synod an "offer of union and amity," which resulted in negotiations between the two bodies, looking to organic union. It fillds, further, that the Associate Reformed Synod did in 1865 terminate the negotiations on this subject.

Your committee recommends for the adoption of the Assembly the following aetion :

This Assembly reaffirms its cordial desire of closer relations with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and herely expresses its readiness to renew negotiations on this subject in any form agreeable to the Synod of said chareh.

The Stated Clerk of the Assembly is instructed to furnish a copy of this action to the Stated Clerk of said Associate Reformed Synod.
II. R. RAYMOND, Chairman.

It was made the order of the day for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to hear the report of the Committee on Sunday-schools.

The Rev. W. H. Woods presented a paper concerning the communication from the "National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity," which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Judicial Committee was permitted to retire from the house for half an hour.

## The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows:

On the overture from the Presbytery of Potosi, asking whether "a Presbytery may, without petition, set aside an elder without deposing. him; that is, may the Presbytery dissolve the eldership relation, as they may the pastoral relation, without prejudice?"

Answor: Preshytery may dissolve the relation between ruling elder and a par-
ticular congregation without prejudice and without petition. See Book of Chureh Order, Par. 205, which, mutatis mutandis, applies to elders and deacons; and also Par. 77, which provides that "Presbytery shall have power to assume original jurisdiction in cases in which the session cannot exercise its authority."

## Adopter.

An overture from the Synod of North Carolina, asking whether, "when a Synod transfers any part of the territory of one Presbytery to that of another, with the churches included therein, does the action of Synod transfer the ministers in the ceded territory from one Presbytery to the other without any dismission from the Preshytery to which they belonged, and without any examination according to the Form of Government, Chap. V., Sec. IV., Par. 4, or any vote on the part of the Presbytery receiving them?"

Ansmer: Yes. The case is not the same as that contemplated in the Form of Government, Chap. V., Sec. IV., Par. 4.

## Adopted.

An overture from the Presbytery of Lexington, asking whether " a Presbytery having more than forty-eight ministers is entitled to a greater number than two ministerial and two ruling elder commissioners to the General Assembly?"

Ansirer: The Book of Church Order, Par. 87, makes no provision for any Presbytery sending more than four commissioners to the General Assembly.

## Adopted.

An overture from the Presbytery of Abingdon, asking whether "Swedenborgian baptism, or baptism performed by a minister of the Swedenborgian or New Jerusalem Chureh is valid?"

Anserer: In the judgment of this Assembly, the Swedenborgian or New Jerusalem Church is not an evangelical branch of the Church of Christ, and baptism performed by its ministers is not valid.

## Adopted.

An overture from a number of individuals, asking whether, "in the discretion granted to sessions to receive members from evangelical immersion churches, it is intended to admit immersion to be the scriptural mode of baptism?"

Ansirer: Baptism by immersion is not scriptural as to its mode; but the irregularity of this unscriptural mode does not invalidate the sacred ordinance, and persons who have been baptized by immersion, by the authority of an evangelical church, are not required to be rebaptized by the scriptural mode of sprinkling or pouring when received into the communion of our church.

## Adopted.

An overture from the Presbytery of Wilmington, asking the Assembly " to appoint a judicious committee to take into consideration the whole matter of Beneficiary Education, and to report to the following Assembly."

Answer: It is recommended that the request be granted, and that a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator, and that said committee report to the next Assembly.

Adopted.

An overture from the Presbytery of South Alabama, asking whether "a ruling elder may give a charge to the people at the installation of a pastor?"

Answer: The language of Paragraph 121, of the Book of Church Order, which is as follows: "After which the minister presiding, or some other appointed for the purpose, shall give a solemn charge to the pastor and to the congregation," restricts the giving of a charge at the installation of a pastor to the presiding or some other minister.

Adopted.
An overture from the Presbytery of Louisville asks the Assembly "to interpret the meaning of the term 'emergency' in the Book of Church Order, Par. 79."

Answer: The Assembly respectfully declines to define the word "emergency."

## Adopted.

An overture from Augusta Presbytery, touching the relation of the Rev. Dr. James Woodrow to said Presbytery and his rights therein, was put upon the docket.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported the following, which was approved and ordered to be sent:
"'Nashville, Tenn., May 21, 1894.
"To the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Memphis, Tenn.:
"The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States sends you cordial greetings, praying that grace may be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. See also Rom. xv. 13.
"Joseph R. Wilson, Stated Clerk. James R. Graham, Moderator."

## The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows :

An overture from the Presbytery of Lexington, asking that the action of the last Assembly touching the ordination of evangelists in the foreign field be declared unconstitutional, and that steps be taken to amend the Constitution so as to relieve this matter of present difficulties; and another overture from the Presbytery of Roanoke asking the Assembly to rescind said action of the last Assembly.

Ansicer: The only lawful method of ordination to the ministry is prescribed in Paragraphs 6, 77 and 93, Book of Church Order ; and it is recommended that the Assembly send down to the Presbyteries an overture recommending that Paragraph 40 be amended by adding thereto the following words: "And to ordain ministers in the foreign field, when ordination in the usual way is impracticable, said newly ordained ministers to be reported to and enroiled in the Presbytery of the ordaining minister."

Pending the consideration of this matter, the Assembly receded from business, and engaged in public worship, conducted by the Rev. A. J. McKelway.

The Assembly had recess until 2 o'clock p. M.

The Assembly met and resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, viz., the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the overtures from the Presbyteries of Lexington and Roanoke touching the ordination of foreign evangelists.

This business was again interrupted by the arrival of the hour set for the selection of the place for the meeting of the next Assembly. The invitation from the First Church, at Dallas, Texas, and from the Presbytery of Dallas, was taken from the docket, and it was unanimously resolved that the next Assembly meet at the First Church in Dallas.

The unfinished business was then concluded by the adoption of the report on the overture relating to the ordination of evangelists in the foreign field.

The Judicial Committee reported on the appeal of Charleston Presbytery from the judgment of the Synod of South Carolina in the matter of the complaint of A. H. and E. M. Monteith. The Rev. J. Wm. Flinn, D. D., a representative of the Synod in this case, was granted the privileges of the floor. The report was then docketed, and its consideration was made the order for $4: 30 \mathrm{P}$. m. to-day.

The Special Committee on Work Among the Seamen made the following report, which was adopted:

## The Seaman's Bethel in New Orleans.

The General Assembly having heard the address of Rev. R. E. Steele calling attention to the good work conducted by the "New Orleans Seamen's Friend Society," and by himself as chaplain of the Bethel, would record its satisfaction and thankfulness for the success attending their labors. The great commission will not permit us, in preaching the gospel of the kingdon, to ignore those "that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters." They have peculiar and special claims to our Christian sympathy and support. Their vocation in life cuts them off from the privileges and ordinances which we profess to highly appreciate. They constitute a class by no means inconsiderable as respects numbers. They handle a large proportion of the wealth and commerce of this and other nations. To them the thousands that sail over the great deep entrust their lives, and they convey our missionaries to foreign lands.

In view of these facts the Assembly commends this enterprise in behalf of sailors as worthy of the sympathy and support of all Christian people in connection with the Presbyterian Church.
J. H. ALEXANDER, Chairman.

The report of the Judicial Committee was taken from the docket and considered seriatim. Dr. Flinn argued that the Presbytery has
no right of appeal or complaint in this case, but, in behalf of the Synod, he waived this point.

On motion of Dr. Daniel, the Assembly declined to accept the waiver.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock $P$. M.

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According to previous order, the Assembly met in the interest of Foreign Missions, the Rev. H. M. White, D. D., chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, occupying the chair at the request of the Moderator. After devotional exercises, addresses were made by the Rev. S. R. Gammon, of the Brazil Mission, the Rev. R. B. Grimnan, of the Japan Mission, and the Rey. 'T. H. Rice, Jr.

The Rev. Dr. Summey, Chairman of the Special Committee on Organic Union, made a report which was put upon the docket. Rev. L. H. Blanton, D. D., presented a substitute for a part of the report, which was also docketed. The consideration of these papers was made the first order of the day for to-morrow.

The Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. Robt. P. Farris, D. D.

## FIFTH DAY.

May 22, 9 óclock a. m.
The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. R. R. Howison.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
The following fraternal message was received from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Memphis, Tenn.:

Mempins, Tenn., May 19, 1894.
To the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church:
Dear Bretiren :-By order of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, I am instructed to send you their fraternal greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath was reard in part and put upon the doçket.

An invitation from the Rev. Dr. Cravath, President of Fisk University, to visit that institution, was acknowledged with thanks.

The report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization, was read and docketed, and its consideration was made the first order of the day for to-morrow afternoon.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, on an overture from the Synod of Florida, asking that the necessary steps be taken to change the Form of Government, par. 82, "so as to permit it to meet every two or three years, when expedient, instead of every year, as now required," reported, recommending the following:

Answer: The committee recommend that the Assembly decline to take the action recommended. Adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, on an overture from the Presbytery of Abingdon, asking that the Executive Committees on Home Missions and Education for the Ministry be united, reported the following:

Answer: The committee recommend that the request be declined. Adopted.

An overture from the Presbytery of Albemarle, and another from the Presbytery of Abingdon, touching a bureau of information for vacant churches and ministers without charges, were transferred from the Committee on Bills and Overtures to the Standing Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows :
On an overture from the Presbytery of Atlanta asking whether " a minister indefinitely suspended from the ministry should be so reported to the Assembly," the committee recommend that the Assembly answer, Yes.

Adopted.

## The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported as follows:

On an overture from the Presbytery of Ouachita asking that the Book of Church Order be amended (Chap. VI., Sec. V., Par. 4) by the addition of these words: "The installation of pastors may he omitted when not desired by the congregation or
pastor; or the Presbytery may dispense with such installation services when it is inconvenient to carry them out; but all ministers shall be pastors when called by the church, and such call is approved by the Presbytery."

Ansiner. The committee recommend that the Assembly decline the request.

## Adopted.

An overture from the Presbytery of Abingdon on discontinuing connection with the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system was transferred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the overture from the Presbytery of Athens touching a mission to the Jews, the Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended the following answer :

First. The General Assembly enjoins upon all our ministers the duty of preaching the gospel to the Jews in private as well as in public, and would urge all our officers and members, in their intercourse with God's ancient people, to improve every opportunity to labor and earnestly pray for the removal of spiritual blindness from the eyes of those in whom all the nations of the earth have been blessed.

Second. We deem it unwise at this time to employ an evangelist to labor among the Jews in this country.

Third. That the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be directed to consider the propriety of establishing a mission of our church for the special benefit of the Jews and others in Jerusalem, or some other place in Palestine.

## Adopted.

The memorials from the Rev. Dr. N. M. Woods and the Rev. W. McF. Alexander touching the demission of the office of ruling elder and deacon were taken from the docket and laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the paper of the Rev. W. H. Woods in regard to the action of the Assembly on the commmnication from the National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity, was adopted, and is as follows:

Whereas a communication from a society styled " The National Christian League for the Promotion of Social Purity" was laid on the table without having been fully heard; and whereas this action of the Assembly, without explanation of any sort, may be misconstrued to the prejudice of religion-

Resolved, 1. That inasmuch as the communication itself professes that the matters of which it treats are the particular concern of the Southern Presbyterian Church, this Assembly, as a court of the Lord Jesus Christ, deems it no discourtesy to claim the right to conduct the business with which it is charged in the method prescribed by its constitution and approved by the experience of the church.

Resolved, 2. That as the supreme judicatory of our church, it would manifestly be highly improper for the Assembly to express any opinion in a case which is before a lower court.

Resolved, 3. That while thus debarred fiom dealing with particular instances of sin against the seventh commandment which are not officially before us, this Assembly is, nevertheless, deeply and painfully sensible of the injury to religion caused by such sins in professing Christians, and does now, as it has always done, desire and intend in all orderly ways to promote, maintain and require in its people that personal purity which is the common foundation of the home, the church, and the State.

The Standing Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that the Rev. W. H. Woods conduct public worship to-day. Approved.

The Special Committee on Licensure presented majority and minority reports, which were received and docketed, and made the first order of the day for Thursday morning.

The Assembly receded from business for public worship, and then had recess until 2 p. M.

2 o'clock p. м.
The Assembly met.
The Special Committee on Young People's Societies presented a report, which was docketed, and made the second order of the day for Wednesday morning.

The Special Committee on Dr. W. A. Campbell's report on the Ecclesiastical Peace Conference made a report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows :

In view of this great subject in all its relations, we respectfully recommend that the Assembly adopt the following resolutions:

1. That the diligence and fidelity of Rev. Dr. Wm. A. Campbell and Hon. J. Quincy Ward, as delegates herein acting under appointment of the Assembly, be commended.
2. That this Assembly regards with high Christian pleasure and satisfaction the progress already made in promoting the cause of peace on earth by submitting to arbitration questions of difference and strife tending to war.
3. That as it is reported by our delegates that much more could have been accomplished for this great end by the contribution of larger funds, the Assembly recommend to the good people of our Southern territory to contribute as liberally for this purpose as their means will allow, and to forward these contributions to any one of the committee already appointed to receive funds, viz.: John Hall, D. D., LL. D., New York; Wm. H. Roberts, D. D., LL. D., Philadelphia; Josiah W. Leeds, Seal, Penn.; John S. Kennedy, Esq., New York; Col. E. W. Cole, Nashville.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
R. R. HOWISON, Chairman.

The unfinished business, the report of the Judicial Committee, was taken up, amended and adopterl, and is as follows :

The Judicial Committee respectfully reports to the General Assembly that the only papers coming into its hands are those connected with $w$ case entitled "An Appeal of Charleston Presbytery vs. Synod of South Carolina." The ease originated in the decision of the session of the Second Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina, suspending Miss Sadie M. Means from the communion of the chureh, which went by complaint of Ainsley H. Monteith and Emma H. Monteith to Charleston Presbytery, and by complaint of the same complainants to the Synod of South Carolina. Having examined the papers in the case and found them regular, the committtee recommends that it be heard and decided as an appeal in the following manner:

1. To charge the court in solemn form.
2. To hear the whole record of the cause.
3. To hear the appellant.
4. To hear the appellee.
5. To hear the appellant in reply.
6. To decide the case.

Your committee further recommends that the appellant's representatives be allowed two hours in opening, the appellee's representatives two hours and a half, and the appellant's representatives one-half hour in reply; and that the members of the court be allowed not more than two minutes each in giving their reasons for judgment.

The representatives of the appellant having asked leave to withdraw from their appeal the following words in Par. 1, Spec. 4., viz. : "Also cerfain extracts from the miuntes of the fall meeting of the Presbytery, said meeting having been held about six months after the judgment complained against had been rendered," the committee recommends that the General Assembly grant the request.

GEORGE SUMMEY, Chairman.
It was ordered that the meeting to-night in the interest of Home Missions be limited to one hour and a quarter, and that then the report on organic union be taken from the docket.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock p. M.

> S o'clock Р. м.

The Assembly met, and engaged in the consideration of Home Missions, the Rev. Dr. Daniel, chairman of the Standing Committee on Home Missions, presiding, at the request of the Moderator. After devotional exercises, addresses were delivered by the Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D. ; Rev. W. W. Elwang, of Florida; Rev. J. W. Moseley, of Arkansas; Rev. J. D. McLean, of Texas, and Rev. C. J. Ralston, of Indian Territory, and a collection was taken in aid of schools in the Indian Territory.

The Assembly then proceeded to the consideration of the report on organic union. A substitute was offered by Rev. F. B. Webb.

The trial of the judicial case was made the second order of the day for Thursday.

The consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions was made the first order of the day for Friday afternoon.

The Assembly adjourned until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. MI. Purcell.

## SIXTH DAY.

May 23, 8:30 o'clock a. m.
The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
The Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries had leave to retire from the house.

The Standing Committee on Publication presented a report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

## Report of Standing Committee on Publication.

Your Committee on Publication would report that we hare had placed in our hands the report of the Executive Committee, the minutes of the same, and overtures from several Presbyteries. Allow us to present the overtures:

1. From the Presbyteries of Cherokee, Tuskaloosa, and Concord, asking for changes of the headings of the columns of the statistical reports.

Ansirer: That the column known as Sustentation be designated "Assembly's Home Missions" : the one designated Church Erection, as "Local Home Missions."
2. From the Rev. W. P. Jacobs, asking that a column in the statistical table be given for the receipts for Orphans' Homes.

Ansicer: The request be not granted, and column omitted.
3. From Presbytery of Tuskaloosa, asking to direct the session to put in the columns in the statistical tables, "Added on Certificate," only those who come from other communions, and that another colnmn be added for those from our own churches, to be designated "transferred."

Ansicer: Your committee recommend that the request be not granted.
4. From the Presbytery of Dallas, asking "that Presbytery of Dallas be permitted to draw from Publication Committee, annually, books to the amount of their contributions to the cause of publication, for the purpose of establishing a depository."

Answer: Inasmuch as an affirmative answer to this overture would establish a precedent that would be hurtful to the colportage work, in that it would open the way for a similar request from all the Preshyteries, and would practically amount to the Pres-
bytery of Dallas giving nothing to the general colportage work, we recommend the request be not granted.
5. From the Presbytery of Memphis, asking that a column "showing the numbel of deaths and removals be inserted in the statistical reports."

Answer: That the request be not granted.
6. From Presbytery of Palmyra, asking, "Does Question XI. in the forms prepared for Sessional Narrative, have reference to church membership, or does it refer to the general moral condition of the community ?"

Ansirer: Refers to general moral condition of the community in which the church is located.
7. From Rev. J. N. Bradshaw, accompanied by a memorial and letters from several prominent ministers of our church, a Digest, asking that it be published.

Ansirer: As the Assembly last year authorized the publication of a tract on the subject mentioned, this Assembly is of the opinion that this publication is sufficient, and declines to grant the request.

We would call attention to the safe and solid financial condition of the Committee, the assets amounting to $\$ 102,937.34$.

That, considering the small amount of money contributed, the colportage work has been successful- $\$ 8,043.02$ contributed during the last year, being $\$ 366.28$ less than the previons year. We think there ought to be more attention given to this work, and a more earnest effort made to raise $\$ 20,000$ for the successful prosecution of the work.

We desire to call attention specially to two publications during the year, "Theology of Prayer," by Dr. B. M. Palmer, aud "Gifts of the Holy Spirit," by Dr. C. R. Vaughan.

The Committee has continued its donations of books to Sabbath-schools, and keeps on hand a full supply. If the ministry and people of our church would buy all their books through our own Committee, the publication department would be greatly aided.

The steady increase of subscriptions to our Sabbath-school papers is gratifying, the royalty this year amounting to $\$ 3,866.28$.

We recommend-

1. That the Assembly express its deep sympathy with the Committee in the death of Mr. J. D. K. Sleight.
2. That the Assembly commends the diligence and care of the Executive Committee over the publications sent out with its endorsement.
3. That every minister be urged to explain fully to the people the fact that the Committee is self-sustaining, and that all contributions are used in colportage work.
4. That the Executive Committee be reappointed, with the commendation of the Assembly: James K. Hazen, D. D., Secretary and Treasurer; M. D. Hoge, D. D.. Charles H. Read, D. D., W. T. Richardson, D. D., W. A. Campbell. D. D., J. W. Rosebro, D. D., R. P. Kerr, D. D., Rev. J. P. Gammon, R. A. Lancaster, B. R. Wellford, W. W. Henry, M. M. Gilliam, and W. C. Preston.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. BOLDE, Chairman.

It was made the first order of the day for Friday morning to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on the Bible Cause presented a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

## Report of the Standing Committee on Bible Calee.

The Standing Committee on the Bible Cause would respectfully report, that they have carefully considered the facts set forth in the address of the Rev. Alexander McLean, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, together with such information as they have been able to gather from other sources concerning this matter.

While it is impossible to record in this report all the facts which have been laid before us, we are pleased to note the sound and healthy condition of the affairs of the Society, and its continued success and prosperity in the great work of evangelization in circulating the word of God.

Upon examination of the statistical reports of the Presbyteries sent up to the Assembly, we find that three hundred and eighty-seven churches have contributed during the year ending April 1, 1894, the sum of $\$ 3,885$, being $\$ 306$ less than the contribution of last year. We recommend -

1. That the Assembly does hereby express its sincere pleasure in having with us this year, as in several years past, the Rev. Dr. Alexander McLean, and in hearing him touching the spread of God's word in this and in other lands, and it would assure him and the Society he represents its abiding interest in this fundamental work of evangelization.
2. That the Presbyteries be urged to give this great cause the consideration it so well merits, and to remind the churches under their care of the duty of making an annual offering for its support.
3. That the churches be reminded that the third Sunday of October each year is the day fixed by the Assembly to make their offerings to this cause.
4. That the Assembly repeat its cordial endorsement of the purpose of the Bible Society to place a Bible, the whole inspired word of God, in the hands of every child who can read; and it would again urge upon the attention of our people the generous offer of the Society to sell the Bible at half price to such children as do not own a copy and cannot be supplied by parents, churehes, or the local societies. It is of profound importance that the rising generation should read at home and study directly in the Sunday-sehool the word of God, and to this end the Bible should be in the hands of every child.
5. That the Committee of Publication be instructed to see that our colporteurs give all possible assistance to the Society in circulating the sacred Scriptures.
6. That the Society be heartily commended to the sympathy, prayers, and liberal support of the whole church.

If. S. YERGER, Chairman.
On an overture from the Rev. R. K. Smoot, D. D., asking the "mind of the Assembly" as to what is implied by the assent, prerequisite to ordination, which candidates for the ministry and ruling elders-elect and deacons-elect give to the constitutional questions prescribed in the Book of Church Order; asking, also, whether it is "lawful and scriptural for a 'particular church' to admit into its bosom a separate and human organization claiming to be part of the church, and working under humanly devised constitutions and rules?"; also, on an overture from the Rev. W. S. Red, asking whether it is in accord with his rows for a minister to hold views contrary to the doctrines of our church, though he does not teach said
views from the pulpit, and whether a minister is responsible for the doctrinal teaching of his co-presbyters, and what is the duty of a minister to whom a co-presbyter confesses the holding of such views as are contrary to the Confession of Faith; and whether the word "infallible" in the constitutional question propounded at the orkination of a minister, implies that inspiration extends to the language of Scripture? the Committee on Bills and Overtures made the following report :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures having before them the overtures from the Rev. R. K. Smoot, D. D., and the Rev. W. S. Red, touching a number of interesting questions arising out of the interpretation of our Book of Church Order, after consideration thereof, do not see that it is necessary or desirable to make any answer thereto, the subjects seeming to be sufficiently well settled in the Standards and former deliverances of the Assembly.

## The report was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that the Rev. Dr. J. H. Thornwell would condact public worship at 11:30 o'clock. Approved.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was approved, and its recommendations adopted:

## Report of Standing Committee on Systematio Benefioenge.

Mr. Moderator-Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence makes the following report:

Reports have come into our hands from sixty-two Presbyteries, there being ten Presbyteries from which no reports have been received. Of the sixty-two reports mentioned, many are confessedly defective. There is also a notable want of care in the preparation of some of them, which made it impossible for your committee to prepare a satisfactory report. We find that according to the data which have come into our hands, churches have contributed as follows:


203 Churches contributed to five causes.

| 207 | ". | ". | four causes. |
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| 176 | . | . | three causes.. |
| 145 | " | .. | two causes. |
| 234 | " | ." | one cause. |
| 539 | . | " | none of the causes. |

Fewer reports were received from the Presbyteries this year than last, yet it appears that there was an increase in the number of contributing churches to the causes of Sustentation, Publication, Colored Evangelization, Bible Society, and Foreign Missions. In most of these causes just mentioned there has also been a gratifying increase in amounts contributed. There was a serious decrease in the number of churches contributing to all the Assembly's causes, yet it appears from the reports that fewer than last year failed to contribute to at least one.

Your committee would recommend that-

1. The stated clerks of Presbyteries be urged to secure suitable blank forms for reports on Systematic Beneficence, and fill out the same according to directions.
2. That attention of Presbyteries be called to the fact that full and accurate reports from them are necessary to the purposes of the Assembly.

Submitted by order of committee,

## J. T. ROTHROCK, Chairman.

The Committee on Synodical Records reported, recommending the approval of the records of the Synods of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Memphis, Missouri, North Carolina, and Mississippi, and those of the Synod of Florida, with the following exception: "Page 7. Failure to record the exception taken to the minutes of St. Johns and Suwanee Presbyteries." (See Book of Church Order, Par. 85.)

The reports were adopted.
On motion, the Moderator appointed a Special Committee on the Sabbath, consisting of the Revs. S. B. Campbell, D. D., and J. M. Wharey, D. D., and Ruling Elder J. W. Moore.

The Annual Report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath was taken from the docket and referred to said special committee.

The Rev. J. G. Patton announced to the Assembly that Judge Malcolm Yeaman, a commissioner from the Presbytery of Paducah, had been called home on account of the death of his son by drowning; whereupon the Assembly, by a rising vote, extended to Judge Yeaman, in this hour of sorrow, its hearty sympathy.

The Special Committee on the Revised Directory for Worship made the following report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to which was referred the reports from the several Presbyteries upon the Revised Directory, begs leave to report, that of the seventy-two (72) Pres-
byteries in the General Assembly, reports have been received from sixty (60), as having voted. Of these, fifty-seven (57) appear as voting for the adoption of the Directory, and but three (3) against it. The Presbytery of Montgomery reported as declining to vote. The committee would therefore report the "Revised Directory" as adopted by a large majority of the Presbyteries, and recommend that this Assembly do now enact the same as a part of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD McQUEEN, Chairman.
The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the overture from East Hanover Presbytery touching a change in the formula for baptism was taken up. Pending its consideration, the hour for public worship arrived.

The Assembly had recess until 2 o' $^{\prime}$ clock r. m.

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The Assembly met.
It was resolved that when the judicial case is taken up to-morrow that business be continned until a conclusion shall have been reached.

The pending business, viz., the consideration of a proposed change in the formula for baptism, was set aside until the unfinished business of yesterday, the consideration of the report on organic union, should be disposed of. This matter was then taken up. The paper before the house was the following substitute, offered by the Rev. F. B. Webb :

Whereas, the General Assembly hấs received several overtures from different Presbyteries touching organic union, and coïperative union between our church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America; and, whereas, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, at Saratoga, N. Y., has, by telegram, notified the Assembly of the appointment of a committee of nine to confer with our body on the question of organic union; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Assembly, reciprocating the fraternal spirit manifested by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, hereby appoints a committee of four ministers and four ruling elders, together with the Moderator, to confer with their committee on the same subject.

Resolved, 2. That the said committee from this Assembly be charged with the duty of inquiring into and ascertaining the position that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America proposes to maintain as to colored churches, ecelesiastical boards, and any other subjects now regarded as barriers to organic union, and report the facts to the next General Assembly, to convene at Dallas, Texas, May, 1895.

The vote was ordered to be taken by ayes and noes, and resulted as follows:

Ayes.-J. M. P. Otts, J. W. Lapsley, O. B. Wilson, J. A. Dickson, J. W. Moseley, H. S. Yerger, W. W. Elwang, J. B. Morton, J. T. Porter, J. W. Smock, George E. Campbell, W. O. Phillips, F. H. Gaines, J. M. Plowden, M. A. Matthews, Charles C. Carson, J. McC. Bryan, J. C. Daniel, J. W. Wallace, W. P. Waite, W. H. Neel, T. E. Converse, W. K. Patterson, J. C. Tate, J. G. Patton, E. E. Ervin, R. M. Byers, J. P. Hobson, J. G. Barkley, George D. White, D. B. Price, J. F. Lloyd, H. A. Buford, R. H. Alston, T. J. Wharton, J. Barbee, Frank Sueed, J. E. Latham, S. T. Ruffner, M. G. Gorin, E. McNair, J. L. Woodbridge, W. Shields McClintic, R. T. Henderson, T. S. McPheeters, R. F. Erwin, F. B. Webb, J. M. La Bach, R. S. Burwell, A. F. Hoss, A. J. McKelway, Frank McNeill, J. W. Siler, E. W. Smith, C. E. Graham, J. G. Law, C. J. Ralston, R. R. Howison, Joseph A. McMurray, R. A. Robinson, H. B. Haller, J. L. Marye, S. P. Christian, R. W. Harding, L. H. Blanton, F. E. Hastings, and W. H. Wilson.-67.

Noes.-D. MeQueen, E. P. Davis, T. Harrison, D. J. Castleman, M. McN. McKay, W. H. Gee, Chalmers Fraser, S. L. Morris, J. W. Suggs, W. D. Hoyt, W. E. Harvin, Vincent Davis, J. H. Lumpkin, J. T. Rothrock, W. M. Hall, J. H. Alexander, E. W. Ford, M. B. Shaw, P. Gowan, J. W. Walden, P. H. Hensley, H. R. Raymond, John Riley, Chas. L. Pond, Geo. Johnston, H. B. Boude. John C. Miller, Frank McCutchen, Geo. Summey, W. W. Stephenson, Jno. W. Faxon, R. M. Reams, Robt. S. Cowan, Engene Daniel, J. M. Wharey, A. T. Graham, R. C. Brown, J. R. Wilson, H. M. Dixon, John W. Moore, A. McFadyen, Jas. H. Moore, J. H. Thornwell, W. M. McPheeters, F. L. Leeper, G. A. Blackburn, Thomas H. Law, W. W. Mills, R. C. Ligon, J. F. Lindsey, A. P. Brown, C. W. Suber, J. B. Morrison, F. M. Farr, C. R. Harvin, D. T. McNeill, L. W. White, J. W. Sexton, J. M. Purcell, G. T. Storey, Jas. D. McLean, S. B. Campbell, F. L. Allen, R. H. Caldwell, Joshua Phipps, J. B. McLane, A. Moseley, James Miller, T. H. B. Hockaday, D. H. Houston, F. T. McFaden, T. H. Rice, J. W. Rosebro, G. T. Lyle, J. E. Booker, W. M. McElwee, Wm. H. Woods, G. A. Long, W. T. Doggett, R. C. Knox, James R. Graham, H. M. White, J. M. Sydenstricker, A. H. Roller, D. M. Switzer, A. Nicolassen, F. B. Deane, R. B. Marion, T. F. Mimms, H. C. Krebs, W. C. Clayton.-91.

The report of the Special Committee on Organic Union was then adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Organic Union, to which were referred the overtures from the Presbyteries of Ebenezer, Holston, and North Alabama, touching the subject of organic union with the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, begs leave to report, recommending that the following answer be given:

The General Assembly declines to reopen the question of organic union by the appointment of a committee of conference as requested by the said Presbyteries, on the following grounds:

1. The historic difference between the two Assemblies as to the relation of the church of Christ to civil goverument.
2. To enter into organic union with the Northern Chureh involves the surrender of the plan of an independent negro church, which this Assembly regards as essential alike-to the religious and social welfare of both races.
3. The essential difference between the two Assemblies as to woman's sphere and work in the church of Christ.
4. God's blessing has manifestly rested upon our church in its separate existence and work, and to spring the divisive question of organic union we believe will bring upon us needless agitation and hurtful disturbance.
5. Should such organic union take place, the property interests of the Southern Church, under the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, would be seriously jeopardized, in the event of any subsequent change in our relations.

In view of the foregoing recommendation of an answer to the overtures of the Presbyteries, the committee recommends that the following reply be sent to the telegram of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America:
"The blessing of God having rested upon our church in her separate existence and work, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in session in Nashville, with affectionate fraternal greetings to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, in session in Saratoga, and wishing it God-speed in every good word and work, regards it as unwise to reopen the question of organic union."

| GEORGE SUMMEY, | H. B. BOUDE, |
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| EUGENE DANIEL, | W. M. MoPHEETERS, |
| JOHN M. PURCELL, | JOHN W. ROSEBRO, |
| JULIUS W. WALDEN, | VINCENT DAVIS, |
| W. H. GEE, | W. M. HALL, |
| T. HARRISON, | W. D. HOYT. |

G. E. CAMPBELL, dissenting.

Rev. W. W. Elwang, for himself and others, gave notice of protest against this action.

The Assembly adjourned until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. F. R. Beattie, D. D.

## SEVENTH DAY.

May 24, 8:30 o'clock A. м.
The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. Dr. S. S. Laws.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.
Leave was granted to Rev. E. A. Smith to have it recorded that, had he been present, he would have voted "No" on the paper on organic union; and to Rev. W. E. McIlwain, that he would have voted "Aye."

It was ordered that certain matters in the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Assembly be transferred from the Auditing Committee to the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

An invitation from the agents of the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in this city, to visit their establishment, collectively or individually, was acknowledged with thanks.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Roberts, Secretary of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, was referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry made a report, which was docketed, and made the third order of the day for Friday.

The consideration of the report on Colored Evangelization was made the second order of the day for to-night.

The Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries presented a report, which was docketed.

The Standing Committee on the Narrative made a report, which was adopted, and ordered to lee printed in the Appendix to the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

The Auditing Committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Nasuililee, Tenn., May 23, 1894.
The Auditing Committee respectfully reports to the General Assembly that there has been placed in our hands the Treasurer's report of the Board of Trustees, andited by George E. Wilson and G. F. Bason, members of the said Board. We also have received the report of the Anditing Committees appointed by the last Assembly to audit the Treasurer's reports of the Committees of Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication, and Colored Evangelistic Work. Each and all of these Auditing Committees certify to the correctness of the Treasurer's reports of the various causes submitted to them.

Your committee have also examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Assembly, and find them correct, showing a balance due to the Treasurer.

As the terms of the following Trustees expire with this session of the Assembly, to-wit: Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, James P. Irwin, and George F. Bason, we recommend them for reäppointment for a term of three (3) years. We further recommend D. W. Oates to succeed John L. Brown, deceased, and A. G. Brenizer to sueceed Gen. Rufus Baringer, who has resigned.

The appointment of the following Auditing Committees for the ensuing year is advised:

Executive Committee of Publication.-Messrs. Howard Swineford, B. C. Wherry and Edwin Pleasants.

Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry.-Messrs. R. F. Wilcox, John L. Wellford, and C. II. Albright.
E.xecutive Committee of Foreign Missions.-Messrs. George G. O'Bryan, R. S. Hollins, Sr., and Robert Rodes.

Executive Committee of Home Vissions.-Messrs. W. S. Parkhurst, H. T. Phillip, and W. R. Hoyt.

Executive Committee on Colored Evangelization.-Messrs. M. A. Mason, L. S. Handley, and J. H. Miller.
T. S. McPHEETERS, Chuirman,
R. W. HARDING,
R. B. MARION,

FRANK MONEILL.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Nashville reported, recommending their approval. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that the Rev. Dr. F. R. Beattie conduct public worship at 11:30 o'clock to-day.

The Rev. W. W. Elwang, for himself and others, presented a protest against the action on organic union, which was admitted to record, and is as follows :

The undersigned respectfully enter their most solemn protest against the action of this Assembly in refusing to appoint a Committee of Conference on Organic Union, to meet a like committee from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, now in session at Saratoga, N. Y., and do so on the following grounds: Because

1. The plainest dictates of Christian courtesy seem to us to demand the appointment of such a committee in reply to the fraterual spirit manifested by the Northern Assembly.
2. The issues which once ran the cleavage line between the two communions, in the opinion of your protestants, either do not now exist at all, or are not as potent as they were more than a generation ago. We are convinced that a mutual fraternal conference will disclose a closer relationship in customs, aims, principles, and doctrines than is now suspected by either party.
3. The interests of our own beloved chureh, especially in our border teritory, will be best conserved by such a course.
4. The higher interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, irrespective of denominational lines, jeoparded by the invidious inroads of worldiness, rationalism, and infidelity, demand a closer fellowship of God's people for mutual helpfulness and more effective testimony and work.
5. We are seriously concerned that nothing short of the surrender of principle should be left undone to heal the breach now dividing the two churches, lest the sin of schism be justly laid at our door.

| WM. WILSON ELIVANG, | W. P. WAITE, |
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| J. B. MORTON, | A. F. HOSS, |
| J. W. SIOCK, | G. E. CAMPBELL, |
| JOHN THOS. PORTER, | H. S. YERGER, |
| C. E. GRAHAM, | J. M. P. OTTS, |
| JNO. G. BARKLEY, | W. S. MOCLINTIC, |
| JOHN W. WALLACE, | J. A. DICKSON, |
| CHARLES C. CARSON, | C. J. RALSTON, |
| R. A. ROBINSON, | J. W. MOSELEY, |
| GEO. D. WHITE, | J. M. PLOWDEN. |

The Rev. Drs. George Summey and Engene Daniel and Ruling Elder L. W. White were appointed a committee to answer the foregoing protest.

A communication from citizens, inviting coöperation to secure the suppression of a certain lottery, was referred, without reading, to a special committee, consisting of the Revs. A. McFadyen and J. H. Lumpkin and Ruling Elder W. C. Clayton.

The first order of the day, the consideration of the reports of the Special Committee on Licensure, was taken up. Pending this business, the hour for public worship arrived.

The Assembly had recess until 2 o'clock р. м.

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The Assembly met.
The Standing Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that there be no public worship at $11: 30$ to-morrow morning, and that the Assembly spend the half-hour from 8:30 to 9 a. m. in devotional exercises. Approved.

The Standing Committee on Leave of Absence reported, in part, as follows :

The Committee on Leave of Absence would make a partial report-
(1), That they have excused the following members for sickness, etc.: After Wed-nesday-R. H. Thompson, W. E. McRae; after Thursday-Rev. Dr. J. A. Dickson, T. F. Mimms (provisionally), A. Nicolassen, J. L. Marye.
(2), That several other commissioners have asked for leave of absence, giving as their excuse their business relations. These we have not seen our way clear to excuse. Respectfully submitted,

> J. D. McLEAN, Chairman, W. E. HARVIN, O. B. WILSON.

The report was approved.
It was resolved that when the advocates of the minority report on licensure shall have been heard for half an hour, the rote shall be taken.

The minority report was lost. The majority report was adopted, and is as follows :

Your Committee on Licensure would respectfully report, that we have considered the report of the at interim Committee on this subject; also the overtures from the Presbyteries of Wilmington, West Hanover, Mecklenburg, Louisville, Enoree, Charleston, and Bethel.

We find a great tendency in the chnrch toward increase of preacning by unlicensed men, and feel that there is a pressing need of restraint of this evil.

We find a tendency in the church to slight either the examination for licensure, or the examination for ordination, or both, and a consequent tendency toward lowering of the standard of ministerial qualification. With the belief that both these evils can be remedied, we recommend-

1. That the following amendments to our Book of Church Order be recommended by the General Assembly and sent to the Presbyteries for their approval:

## CHAPTER VI.

Section V.-Of the Ordination of Ministers, etc.

## PRESENT FORM.

## Article I.

Art. II. .
Art. III. Trials for ordination, especially in a different Presbytery from that in which the candidate was licensed, shall consist of a careful examination as to his acquaintance with experimental religion; as to his knowledge of philosophy, theology, ecclesiastical history, Greek and Hebrew languages, and such other branches of learning as to the Presbytery shall appear requisite; and as to his knowledge of the doctrine of the sacraments, and the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church. He shall further be required to preach a sermon before the Presbytery. The Presbytery, being fully satisfied of hisqualifications for the sacred office, shall appoint a day for his ordination, which ought, if practicable, to be in that church of which he is to be the pastor.

## PROPOSED FORM.

Add to Art. I. But no probationer, except in extraordinary cases, shall be ordained until he shall have taken a regular course in divinity at some approved Theological Seminary, or the equivalent of the same under some approved teacher of theology; and irhenever any Presbytery shall see reason to depart from this rule, it shall alvays make a record of the fact upon its minutes, with the reasons therefor.

Art. II. Unchanged.
Art. III. Trials for ordination shall comsist of a close, particular, and thorough examination of the candidate as to his acquaintance with experimental religion; as to his knowledge of philosophy, theology, ecclesiastical history, the original languages and the literature of the Old and New Testaments, and the principles of interpretation, the English Bible, and such other branches of learning as to the Presbytery shall appear requisite; and also as to his knowledge of the sacraments, and the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church. He shall further be required to preach a sermon before the Presbytery: and to submit to it two critical exercises, the one being an exegesis of a brief portion of the Hebrew Seripturex, and the other an exegesis of a passage in the Greek Testament; giving Presbytery a specimen of his taste and judgment in sacred criticism, presenting an explication of the original text, stating it.s connection, illustrating its force and beruties, removing its difficulties, and solving any important questions it may suggest. The Presbytery, being fully satisfied of his qualifications for the sacred office, shall appoint a day for

Other Articles remaiu unchanged.
his ordination, which ought, if practicable, to be in that church of which he is to be the pastor.

## Section VI.-Of the Licensure of Probationers for the Gospel Ministry. PRESENT FORM. <br> PROPOSED FORM.

Art. I. Presbyteries shall license probationers to preach the gospel, in order that, after sufficiently trying their gifts, and receiving from the church a good report, they may, in due time, ordain them to the sacred office.

Art. IV. The Presbytery shall try each candidate as to his knowledge of the Latin language, and the original languages of the Holy Scriptures. It shall also examine him on mental philosophy, logic, and rhetoric; on ethics; on the natural and exact sciences; on theology, natural and revealed; and on ecclesiastical history, the sacraments, and church government. Moreover, the Presbytery shall require of him-

1. A discussion in Latin of a thesis on some common head in divinity.
2. An exegesis or critical exercise, in which the candidate shall give a specimen of his taste and judgment in sacred criticism: presenting an explication of the original text, stating its connection, illustrating its force and beauties, removing its difficulties, and solving any important questions which it may present.
3. A lecture or exposition of several verses of Scripture.

## 4. A sermon.

Art. VI. No candidate, except in extraordinary cases, shall be licensed, unless he shall have completed the usual course of academical studies, and shall also have studied divinity at least two years under some approved teacher of theology : and

Art. I. Every man who feels called of God to undertake the work of preaching the gospel shall go before the Presbytery within whose bounds he resides, and obtain license before he begins to preach. Presbyteries shall license candidates as probationers to preach the gospel, ordinarily only after they have completed their collegiate course and after they shall have studied divinity at least one year at some approved seminary or under some approved teacher, in order that, after sufficiently trying their gifts, and receiving from the church a good report, they may, in due time, ordain them to the sacred office.

Art. IV. The Presbytery shall try each candidate as to his knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages. It shall also examine him on mental philosophy, logic, and rhetoric; on ethics: on the natural and exact sciences; on the system of doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, and the Shorter Catechism; and on his knorledge of the English Bible. Moreover, the Presbytery shall require of him a lecture or exposition of several verses of Scripture, and a sermon.

Art. VI. Such a license shall be valid only for a term of three years, but the Presbytery may, at the expiration of that time, renew it for a similar term. Whenever any Presbytery shall see reason to depart from these rules, it shall always make a

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whenever any Presbytery shall see reason to depart from this rule, it shall always make a record of the fact upon its minutes, with the reasons therefor.

Art. VII. If the Presbytery be satisfied with his trials, it shall then proceed to license him in the following manner: The Moderator shall propose to him the following questions, viz.:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you promise to study the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
4. Do you promise to submit yourself, in the Lord, to the government of this Presbytery, or any other into the bounds of which you may be called?

Art. VIII. The candidate having answered these questions in the affirmative, and the Moderator having offered up a prayer suitable to the occasion, he shall address the candidate to the following purpose: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which he has given to the church for its edification, we do license you to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry, wherever God in his providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon you, and the Spivit of Christ fill your heart. Amen." And record shall be made of the licensure in the following or like form, viz.:

At - - , the -_ day of - -, the Presbytery of -- having received testimonials in favor of $\cdots$, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure. And he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in
record of the fact upon its minutes, with the reasons therefor.

Art. VII. If the Presbytery be satisfied with his examinations, it shall then proceed to license him in the following manner: The Moderator shall propose to him the following questions, viz:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt. the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you promise to study the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
4. Do you promise to submit yourself, in the Lord, to the government of this Presbytery, or any other into the bounds of which you may be called?

Art. VIII. The candidate having answered these questions in the affirmative, and the Moderator having offered up a prayer suitable to the occasion, he shall address the candidate to the following purpose: "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which he has given to the church for its edification, we do license you as a probationer for the holy ministry, to preach the gospel, under the direction of Presbytery, wherever God in his providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of Gorl rest upon you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart. Amen." And record shall be made of the licensure in the following or like form, viz.:

At -_, the - day of - , the Presbytery of -_having received testimonials in favor of -, of his having gone through a regular course in literature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to subject him to the usual examinations for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature and the sciences, as tohis proficiency in other studies, as to his ex-
divinity and other studies, the Presbytery did, and hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial. And he having adopted the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby does, license him, the said -, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Art. IX. When any candidate for licensure shall have occasion, while his trials are going on, to remove from the bounds of his own Presbytery into those of another, it shall be considered regular for the latter Presbytery, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, to take up his trials at the point at which they were left, and conduct them to a conclusion in the same manner as if they had been commenced by itself.

Art. XI. Presbyterians should require probationers to devote themselves diligently to the trial of their gifts; and no one should be ordained to the work of the gospel ministry until he has given evidence of his ability to edify the church.
perimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his soundness in the faith, the Presbytery did, and hereby does, express its approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Coufession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby does, license him, the said --, a probationer for the holy ministry, to preach the gospel for the period of three years, under the direction of the Prestytery, wherever he shall be orderly called.

Art. IX. When any candidate for licensure shall have occasion, before his examinations have been completed and sustained. to remore from the bounds of his own Presbytery into those of another, it shall be considered regular for the latter Presbytery, on his producing proper testimonials from the former, to take up his exreminations at the point at which they were left, and conduct them to a conclusion in the same mauner as if they had been commenced by itself.

Art. XI. Except in extraordinary caxes, Presbyteries should require probationers to continue their regular course of study at some approved. seminary, or under some approved teacher of theology. and vchile engaged in the same to exercise their gifts in preaching, under such restrictions as may, in the judgment of their respectice Presbyteries, be necpssary to preclude interference rith their studies. No one should be ordained to the work of the gospel ministry until he has given evidence of his ability to edify the church.

But whenever any Presbytery shall see reason to depart from this rule, the candidate shall still be expected to take a sufficient course in the English Bible, Fundamental Theology, and Church Government, with such other branches as circumstances may permit, and the same shall be true, mutatix mutundix, of ordination.
II. That the report of this ad interim Committee be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly. THOS. E. CONVERSE, Chairman, J. M. P. OTTS, W. W. ELWANG, S. L. MORRIS,

1 H. B. BOUDE,
W. P. WAITE,
J. R. WILSON.

The overture from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg on licensure was referred to the following committee: Rev. F. McCutchan, Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., and Rev. G. T. Lyle.

The judicial case was then taken up.
The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock p. M.
8 o'clock P . м.
The Assembly met, Ruling Elder J. W. Lapsley occupying the chair at the request of the Moderator.

The following was announced as the ad interim Committee on Beneficiary Education: Revs. T. H. Law, D. D., F. B. Webb, and J. M. Wharey, D. D., and Ruling Elders J. W. Lapsley and J. P. Hobson.

The special committee on the commmication in regard to the suppression of lotteries made a report, which was recommitted, and the Rev. W. W. Elwang and Ruling Elder T. S. McPleeters were added to the committee.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a report on the commnnication from Rev. Dr. Roberts, Secretary of the Alliance of Reformed Churches. The report was put upon the docket.

The same committee made a report on a communication in regard to a federation of churches, which report was also put upon the docket.

The Assembly resumed the consideration of the judicial case, pursuing the order reported by the Judicial Committee. The Moderator duly charged the court. The appeal is as follows :

## Unto the venerable General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The Charleston Presbytery, a court of the church, within the jurisdiction of the Synod of South Carolina, and also under your jurisdiction, being aggrieved by a certain judgment rendered by said Synod on or about the 4th day of November, 1893, at its sitting in the town of Clinton, South Carolina, in the cause of a complaint of A. H. $\&$ E. M. Monteith $v s$. Charleston Presbytery, for refusiug to sustain a complaint of A. H. \& E. M. Monteith vs. the Session of the Second Chureh, Columbia, South Carolina, for its judgment suspending indefinitely from the communion of the church Miss Sadie M. Means, on her confession of habitually violating the Sabbath-day, does hereby appeal to your venerable court to grant it such relief in the premises as in your judgment is wise and lawful. It does so pray you for the following reasons:
I. The proceedings of said Synod whereby said judgment was reached were irregular and unconstitutional:

1. Because, under the rules of discipline, the complainants were not entitled to complain.
2. Because the complaint contained reasons for the complaint irrelevant in themselves, and not deducible from "the record of the cause," to-wit: all of that part of reason third, after the words "confession of offence," and all of reason fourth.
3. Because Synod did not try the cause upon "the record of the cause" furnished by the Presbytery, but upon "a record of the canse" made by itself.
4. Because the Synod in its trial of the cause upon "the record of the cause" thus made, considered as a part of the "records" certain papers which were not before the Presbytery in the trial of the cause complained against, to-wit: a complaint of A. H. \& E. M. Monteith $v s$. the Session of the Second Church, Columbia, South Carolina, based upon an amended notice of complaint served upon the Session eighteen days after the judgment complained against had been rendered; also a protest of J . Wm. Flinn and Samuel M. Smith, with the answer thereto filed after the judgment of the Presbytery had been rendered; also a preamble and resolution offered by Wm. R. Atkinson after the judgment complained against had been rendered.
5. Because the Synod permitted new testimony to be introduced in its trial of the cause.
II. The judgment of Synod was not according to the law and the evidence:
6. Because work, as an avocation, in a telephone office on the Sabbath-day is a disciplinable offence under the Standards of the church.
7. Because the evidence that such an offence had been committed by Miss Sadie M. Means was conclusive.
8. Because the proceedings of the Charleston Presbytery and of the Session of the Second Church, Columbia, South Carolina, in their trial of the cause had been regular and constitutional.

Therefore the Presbytery prays your venerable court to reverse the said judgment of the Synod of South Carolina, or to remand said canse to the Synod for a new trial. If in the judgment of the General Assembly the Presbytery is not such a party, or has not submitted to such a regular trial as Par. 2.56 of Rules of Discipline contemplates, and therefore is not entitled to seek relief by an appeal, the Presbytery does pray your venerable court to consider this as a complaint, and issue said cause in accordance therewith.

> G. A. BLACKBURN, F. L. LEEPER,
> Representatives of the Charleston Presbytery.

The Judicial Committee respectfully report, that the Presbytery adopt the appeal and make it its own, and approve the reasons on which it is grounded.

Adopted by Presbytery, April 11, 1894.
HENRY G. GILLAND, Moderator.
Joun R. Dow, Stated Clerk.

The record of the cause was then read. The Rev. G. A. Blackburn, for the appellant, was heard for fifty minutes.

The Assembly adjourned until 8:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.
Closed with prayer by Ruling Elder J. W. Lapsley.
May 25, 8:30 o'clock а. м.

The Assembly met, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. E. P. Davis.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
The Standing Committee on Foreign Missions made a report, which was put upon the docket.

The Standing Committee on Sabbath-Schools presented a report, which was docketed, and made the first order after the judicial case shall have been concluded.

It was made the first order for Saturday to take from the docket the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod of Virginia reported, recommending their approval. The report was adopted.

The unfinished business, viz., the trial of the judicial case, was resumed, Ruling Elder J. W. Lapsley in the chair. The Rev. G. A. Blackburn, for the appellant, continued his argument, and was heard one hour. The Rev. Dr. J. Wm. Flinn, representing the appellee, was heard one hour and thirteen minutes.

The Assembly had recess until 2 o'clock p. m.
2 o'clock P. M. $^{\text {m. }}$
The Assembly met.
The report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization was made the second order after the termination of the judicial case.

Ruling Elder John W. Moore presented a resolution tonching the preaching of unlicensed persons. It was put upon the docket.

The report of the special committee on the overture from Mecklenburg Presbytery touching licensure was adopted, and the overture was added as an amendment to the report of the Special Committee on Licensure. . It is as follows: "But whenever any Presbytery shall see reason to depart from this rule, the candidate shall still be expected to take a sufficient course in the English Bible, Fundamental Theology, and Church Government, with such other branches as circumstances may permit, and the same shall be true, mutatis mutandis, of ordination."

The trial of the judicial case was resumed. Dr. Flinn continued his argument for the appellee, and the Rev. F. L. Leeper was heard for the appellant. The roll was then called, each member being allowed two minutes for the expression of his views. The vote was then taken by again calling the roll, with the following result: To sustain the appeal, 47 ; to sustain in part, 8 ; not to sustain, 77 .

The Moderator, on motion, appointed the Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., Ruling Elder T. S. McPleeters, and the Rev. J. W. Walden a committee to report a minute formulating the judgment of the court.

The Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock P. M.
So'clock р. м.
The Assembly met.
The Standing Committee on Sabbath-schools presented a report, of which the statistical part was approved, and the recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows :

## Report of Standing Committee on Sabbati-Schools.

The following papers have been placed in our hands: (1), Presbyterial reports from Sabbath-schools from sixty-nine Presbyteries, leaving four Presbyteries from which no report has been received; (2). An overture from Presbytery of Albemarle, asking for the appointment of an ad interim committee to consider and report upon the advisability of adopting a graded system of Sabbath-school lessons upon a doctrinal basis.

Of the sixty-nine reports placed in our hands, we find that thirty-two are made in accordance with the form sent down by the Assembly; that twelve give only partial answers to the questions propounded in the General Assembly's forms; that twentyfive give no answers at all to these questions.

Your committee find from reference to the Minutes of the General Assembly, that it has been customary for the Standing Committee on Sabbath-schools to present a statement of the condition of the Sabbath-school cause each year as compared with the preceding year, but inasmuch as the report last year was not so full and satisfactory as the report of 1892 , and inasmuch as the report of 1892 was the fullest and best ever made to the General Assembly, your committee think that the Assembly would get a clearer and more correct idea of the condition and needs of this great branch of the church's work by a comparative statement of this work for the last three years. The statement as found in the official report is as follows:
Number of Presbyteries reporting in 1892, ..... \%0
" " " " " 1893, ..... 68
Total number of schools reported in 1892, ..... 2,04569.. ." ." " " 1893 ,
" " " " " 1894, ..... 1,6741.760
Total number of teachers reported in 1892,
" " " $6 \quad$ ". " 1893 , ..... 14,698
" " 1894, ..... 14,917
Total number of scholars reported in 1892, ..... 145,257
." ". . 6 .. " 1893 , ..... 119,002
،.$\quad$. $\quad$. $\quad$. 1894 ..... 123,349
Average attendance of teachers reported in 1892 ..... 13,552
" .. . " " " " 1893, ..... $11,077 \frac{1}{2}$
" ' 1894, ..... 11,466
Average attendance of scholars reported in 1892 ..... 94,011
.. .. ". ". " 1893 , ..... 75,716
، .. ، 6 ." 1894 , ..... 80,672
Scholars admitted to communion in 1892, ..... 5,734
، .. .. .. .6 1893 ..... 4,843
.. .. .. .. .. 1894 ..... 5,107
Amomt contributed for own expenses in 1892 ..... $\$ 61,743$
". . . . . 1893 ..... 53,462
46,254
Amounts contributed for other causes in 1892 ..... 37,110
. 1893 ..... 30,173
"، 6 ." .. 1894 ..... 26,973

From the above comparative statement it appears that the report of this year is about the same as last year, when we take into account that sixty-nine Presbyteries report this year, when only sixty-eight reported last year. But as compared with 1892, we note a decrease of 371 schools; of 3,045 teachers; of 21,909 scholars; of 2,086 in average attendance of teachers; of 13,339 in average attendance of scholars; of 627 in scholars admitted to the communion; of $\$ 15,489$ in the contributions for their own expenses; and of $\$ 11,137$ in contributions for other purposes. This deerease all along the line of the Sabbath-school work is rendered more significant in view of the fact that the increase in the total number of communicants since 1892 has been about 14,000 .

So far as the reports give answers to the questions in the Assembly's Sabbathschool form, we find:

1. That the great majority of the Sabbath-schools are under the supervision and control of the Sessions.
2. The pastors and elders generally visit and take part in the schools, but in many cases do not.
3. Many of the pastors preach either regularly or occasionally to the children oì the Sabbath-schools.
4. There has been special religious interest in many of the Sabbath-schools, as is. evident from the large number of additions to the communion.
5. The Scriptures are memorized to a considerable extent.
6. The Catechisms are taught in nearly all of our schools.
\%. The greater number of reports indicate that the children of the Sabbath-schools attend public worship.
7. The Presbyteries reporting the largest number of Sabbath-schools are as follows: Lexington, 96 ; Fayetteville, 57 ; Montgomery, 56 ; Mecklenburg, 55.
8. We note with pleasure that Sabbath-schools for the Chinese and for colored people are reported from some of the Presbyteries. Nearly all of the reports, however, indicate that very little is being done for the negroes.
9. The Earnest Worker and The Children's Friend are taken in most of the schools; in some schools, however, other publications are reported as taken.
10. The total number of Sabbath-schools contributing to one or more of the Assembly's causes is 1,018 . Very few, however, contribute to all.

## Recommendations.

In view of the facts recited above, your committee offer the following recommendations:

1. That the Presbyteries be enjoined to take steps at their fall meetings to secure for the next spring meeting as full Sabbath-school reports from the churches in their bounds as is possible.
2. That the attention of stated clerks be called to the importance of sending Presbyterial reports to the General Assembly as nearly in accordance with the form sent down by the Assembly as is possible.
3. That the Presbyteries and Sessions be urged to sce to it that our own publications be used in all the schools under their care.
4. That Preshyteries be urged to take such steps as will secure collections for all the Assembly's canses from as many schools as practicable.
5. That the Executive Committee of Publication be requested, in the preparation of the questions and comments on the lessons, to indicate and enforce more clearly the doctrines of our church, and to incorporate the questions in the Shorter Catechism which are germane to the lesson in hand.
6. That an ad interim committee be appointed by this General Assembly, consisting of three ministers and two ruling elders, to consider and report to the next General Assembly on the following questions:
(1), Whether or not the time has come to appoint an agent or Secretary of Sab-bath-schools.
(2). The subject-matter of the overture from Albemarle Presbytery.
(3), The condition and needs of the Sabbath-school cause in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,
F. H. GaINES, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following as the ad interim committee called for by the foregoing report: Revs. F. H. Gaines, J. W. Rosebro, D. D., E. Daniel, D. D., and Ruling Elders J. W. Wallace and J. G. Barkley.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel presented, for himself and others, the following protest against the action of the Assembly on the subject of licensure :

## Protest.

The General Assembly having determined to send down to the Presbyteries an overture proposing certain changes in the law touching licensure, we, the undersigned. respectfully request your venerable body that the following protest may be admitted to record. We protest against the said action for the following reasons:
I. Our law is ample, if obeyed; and the remedy for disregard of law is not more law.
II. Licensure is not in order to training, but in order to the reception of a call from God's people, and to ordination thereupon.
III. Licensure for a fixed time is contrary to the genins of Presbyterianism, and ato the doctrine of our church with reference to a call to the ministry.
IV. The action proposed and recommended prohibits not only candidates from conducting services under judicious pastors and Sessions, but, by parity also, all other laymen from the same exercise of gifts, unless they obtain a formal license.
V. The present system is best, because if irregularities oceur the irregularities are at least not authorized, and do not bind the whole church.

YI. A certain percentage of candidates prove unworthy, and the earlier the licensure the larger must be the percentage, and the more direct and notorious the reproach falling upon the church.
VII. The licensure of candidates at an earlier stage in their course of preparation will lead, as we believe, to a lower standard of ordination.
VIII. Licensing an evil does not remove the evil, but rather aggravates it.

| ELGENE DANIEL, | P. H. HENSLEY, |
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| J. M. LA BACH, | I. B. SHAW, |
| G. T. STOREY, | J. W. WALDEN, |
| GEO. JOHNSTON. | JNO. W. FANON, |
| J. W. SEATON, | J. H. ALENANDER. |
| JAMES R. GRAHAM, |  |

The Rev. Dr. Summey offered a resolution calling for an executive session of the Assembly. It was put upon the docket.

The report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization was taken from the docket. The Rev. Dr. Otts offered a substitute for a part of the report. Pending this business, the Assembly adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer by the Rev. J. E. Booker.

> NINTH DAY.

May 26, 9 o'clock a. m.
The Assembly met, and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Alexander, D. D.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.
An invitation from the Woman's Mission Home to attend certain services to-morrow was acknowledged with thanks.

Ruling Elder John W. Faxon offered a resolution to limit debate. The resolution was put upon the docket.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported the following letter to be sent to the Reformed Church in America:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports, and reeommends the following letter to be forwarded by this Assembly to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America:

To the General synod of the Reformed Church in Ameriere:
Dear Brethees: Iour fraternal communieation to our General Assembly, through your accredited representative, Rev. John Knox Allen, has been received.

In making our reply, we beg leave, first of all, to express our hearty appreciation of the cordial greetings contained in your letter, and to extent to your venerable body our sincere reciprocation of its warm Christian salutations.

We are the more inclined to do this because of the peeuliar kinship which we believe to exist between your communion and ours. While our symbols are different in form, they are the same in doctrine, and substance, and spirit, and our respective bodies are one in the settled purpose to preserve intact the Calvinistic or Reformed system of faith as contained in these symbols, and to maintain in its scriptural purity the ecelesiastical polity which is our common inheritance from the Reformed fathers.

This desire for close ecclesiastical fellowship with your rommunion is intensified by the drift of the times towards a broad churchism that threatens the very foundations of truth. It is our earnest conviction, that the call of God upon our communions (which have been blessed of him so richly in the guidance of the past) is special and urgent to be helpers together of the truth, and sympathetic co-workers in standing firm for "the faith once delivered to the saints."

We therefore convey to your venerable Synod our affectionate Christian greetings, and pray for the blessing of God to rest upon you in all of your deliberations and aetivities.

Yours in a eommon faith.
By order of the eommittee,
H. R. RAYMOND, Chairman.

The Standing Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the appointments for to-morrow. Approved.

The Special Committee on the Sabbath presented a report, which was docketed.

The special committee, appointed for the purpose, reported a minute formulating the judgment of the court in the judicial case. The report was recommitted, and Ruling Elder J. W. Lapsley and the Rev. Dr. Yerger were added to the committee.

The special committee to prepare an answer to the protest of Messrs. Elwang and others made a report, which was adopted, and is as follows :

The committee appointed to prepare an answer to the protest of W. W. Elwang and others, recommends to the General Assembly the following -

Inasmuch as the General Assembly, in its answer to the overtures of Ebenezer, Holston and North Alabama Presbyteries, has fully expressed its reasons for not appointing a committee of eonference, it does not appear to be needful to answer the protest.

GEORGE SUMDHEY, ELGENE DANIEL, L. W. WHITE.

The unfinished business, the report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization, with Dr. Otts's substitute for a part thereof, was taken up. The substitute was laid on the table.

A resolution limiting speeches on this subject to fifteen minutes was adopted.

The Assembly had recess for five minutes.
The Committee on the Records of the Synod of South Carolina reported, recommending their approval. The report was adopted.

The special committee to formulate the judgment of the Assembly in the judicial case presented the following, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to formulate the judgment of the court in the canse of the appeal of the Charleston Presbytery against the judgment of the Synod of South Carolina, in re, the complaint of Ainsley H. Monteith and Emma H. Monteith $v$. . the Session of the Second Presbyterian Church of Columbia, S. C., and subsequently against Charleston Presbytery, would submit the following as the judgment of the Assembly:

This appeal having been heard according to due process of law, the Assembly finds-

1. That the record of the cause does not clearly show that the aforesaid Sadie Means came before the session of the Second Presbyterian Church of Columbia, S. C., to make known to the court, as provided in Par. 234, that she was guilty of violating the Sabluath by working in a telephone office on the Lord's day, and therefore the record lacks the statements which anthorize a judgment without process.
2. The decision of the session was reached withont trial, as provided in Paragraph 174, and these two Paragraphs, 234 and 174 , limit the session's power.
3. The decision was made in undue haste, and at the first and only sitting of the court, so far as the record shows.
4. The sentence of suspension from the communion was of excessive severity.

Premises considered, it is the judgment of the Assembly that the appeal be not sustained, and that the decision of the Synod of South Carolina be affirmed. In connection with this judgment, the Assembly deems it wise to reäffirm its immutable conviction as to the universal and perpetual obligation to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

EUGENE DANIEL, Chairman,
J. W. WALDENT,
T. S. MoPHEETERS,
J. W. LAPSLEY,
II. S. YERGER.

The report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization was further considered, and when the recommendation relating to the appointment of the Executive Committee and the election of a Secretary was reached, this business was arrested, to take from the docket

Dr. Summey's resolution calling for an executive session. The resolution was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That when the reports of Standing Committees on Colored Evangelization, Education, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions are before the Assembly, so much of each report as refers to the election of Secretaries be docketed for special consideration, and a time be fixed for such consideration in executive session.

The recommendation relating to the appointment of a Secretary of Colored Evangelization was referred for consideration to an executive session, and, except this recommendation, the report was adopted.

The Standing Committee on Home Missions presented a report, which was docketed, and so much of it as relates to the Secretary of Home Missions was referred to an executive session to be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, until which hour the Assembly had recess.

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The Assembly met, Ruling Elder J. W. Lapsley in the chair at the request of the Moderator.

The Rev. J. M. La Bach, D. D., was added to the Standing Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The Assembly sat with closed doors, and entered upon the election of a Secretary of Colored Evangelization. The Rev. A. L. Phillips was elected to that office.

It was resolved that when there are two or more nominations for a secretaryship the vote shall be taken by ballot.

The Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., was elected Secretary of Foreign Missions.

On motion, the Assembly went into a Committee of the Whole, Ruling Elder J. W. Lapsley in the chair.

The committee rose.
The Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., was elected Secretary of Home Missions, and the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Secretary of Education for the Ministry.

Ruling Elder T. S. McPheeters presented a resolution, which was docketed.

The doors were opened, and the Assembly took up the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions.

Pending this business, the Assembly had recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

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The Assembly met, and resumed the report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions, which report was adopted, and is as follows :

## Report of the Standing Comimttee on Foreign Missions.

From the report of the Exeeutive Committee of Foreign Missions read to this General Assembly, we learn that the good hand of the Lord our Gorl has been upon our missionary work in the last year. Notwithstanding peeuliar difficulties in "the home administration," and in the field abroad, and in the business world, the work has gone forward with even more than its usual success. The contributions of the chureh have been larger; no missionary has been recalled from the field or suffered for laek of support; no debt has been contracted; the year closed, April 1, 1894, with a balance for general missionary purposes in the treasury of $\$ 9,607.14$; the number of our missionaries has increased during the year from one hundred and six to one hundred and thirty; while the number of native helpers to our work has increased in two years from eighty-seven to one hundred and sixty-five: the number of eommunicants added to the church by baptism has been six hundred; the subscription list of the Missionary has more than quadrupled within the last eight years. These facts should lead us to thank God and take courage in our work.

Having received so much good at the hands of the Lord, we have not been without some evil also. We mourn the faet that during the year four of our faithful workers have ceased from their labors-Mrs. Louisa A. Grinnan, Magdaline L. Collazo, Mrs. Ellie Reed More and Mrs. George D. Adamson. The Rev. Arthur Rowbotham and wife, Miss Annie Dowd, and Miss Sallie Chambers have been compelled by ill-health to withdraw from the field, but it is hoped that the last two will soon be ready to resume work.

## Campinas Property

Your committee is gratified to learn, from the report of the Trustees of the General Assembly, that there is no eause for alarm about the church's property in Campinas, the only question being as to the best plan for redueing the property to possession, and we recommend:

1. That all questions of detail in getting this property seeurely in hand be left to the diseretion of the Executive Committee.
2. When this has been done, we recommend, (1), That in ease the Synod of Brazil eontinuesits request for a donation of a part of this property for the purpose of establishing a theological school, the Assembly make a gift of sueh part of the buildings and grounds as may be needed for this purpose, sueh grant to be made under a charter approved by the ehurch's Executive Committee of Foreign Missions; (2), In case the Synod of Brazil does not renew its request, that a well-equipped school be established there and conducted under the control of the chureh's Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, or under eontrol approved by them ; (3), That such part of said property as may not be needed to realize the first or the second of these reeommendations be judiciously sold, and that the proceeds be used in establishing and equipping evangelical schools in other parts of the Brazilian field, or in sueh other branches of our mission work as may seem most advisable.

## Congo Boat.

That the successful effort of the children to raise ten thousand dollars to build a steamboat for use on the Congo River in Africa be commended. The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions is instructed to build a boat large enough for use in going from place to place to preach. And if it be found that such a boat will cost less than $\$ 10,000$, the committee is instructed to reserve the remainder of this fund for the expense of maintaining and operating the boat, or for establishing new preaching stations on the Congo River at points that can be reached by means of the boat.

## Mrs. Randolpil.

In response to the request of Mrs. A. E. Randolph, i. $e_{\text {., that a home for life be }}$ given her as a teacher in "The Home and School" at Fredericksburg, Va., we recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to comply with the same, provided that suitable arrangements can be made with the authorities of said school.

## Dr. Procliet.

A communication is in our hands from the Rev. Dr. M. Prochet, a minister of the Waldensian Church, recently traveling in this country, proposing to our church to take under its care a colony of the Waldensian Church in Uraguay, South America. It is recommended that this communication be lead to the Assembly, and then referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration, with discretionary power to dispose of it according to their best judgment.

## Co-operation.

It is recommended that no action be taken upon the letters from the field on the subjoct of coïperation in missionary work, inasmuch as in the judgment of our missionaries there is nothing to be done in this way at present.

## Ad interim Commitee.

After very careful examination of the report of the ad interim committee appointed by the last Assembly to investigate and report, (1), as to the experliency of transferring certain functions of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions to the Presbyteries and church sessions; (2), as to changes in the methods of administration; and (3), as to changes in the "Manual," we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we deem it of first importance that closer relations should obtain between the missionaries in the field and their brethren at home who support them.
2. That the seeking out.and recommending of missionaries should be by those who have the best means of knowing their fitness for the work.
3. That the porver and the responsibility of Presbyteries in ordaining men for the work and recalling them should be properly recognized.
4. That physicians and teachers called and set apart to the work should be recognized and classed as missionaries rather than as assistant missionaries.
5. That the wisdom of the act of former Assemblies, enjoining upon churches and groups of churches to undertake the support of special missionaries, has been so happily verificd by experience as to call for a renewal of said injunction by this Assembly.
6. That while the transfer of any of the functions of the Executive Committee to the Presbyteries seem impracticable, we yet recommend the following changes in the Manual, which, if adopted, will alter somewhat the methods of administration:

That the Manual be so amended that hereafter the Assembly shall elect only the Secretary of the Executive Committee, and that the Committee elect all other officers.

## Church Property in Greece.

The attention of your committee has been called to the relation held by our church to the church property at Valos, Greece, now occupied and used by the Greek Evangelical Church. We recommend that the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions be authorized to do whatever may be found necessary to the just and equitable settlement of the matter.

## Office Work and Expenses.

In regard to the office of the Executive Committee-its work and expenses-we recommend-

1. That the General Assembly elect Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., as Secretary of Foreign Missions.
2. That the Executive Committee be authorized to elect such office force, including the Treasurer, as shall appear to be necessary to efficient service, and that they fix the salaries of such force at a cost consistent with the demands of the most economical administration of the office.
3. That the General Assembly authorize the Executive Committee to secure such editorial aid in the preparation of the Missionary as shall be found necessary to keep the magazine up to its high standard of excellence attained under the editorship of Mr. Rankin, who for a year has devoted himself so efficiently and faithfully to this important work. It is contemplated that the person or persons thus engaged by the Executive Committee shall have charge of the Leaflet Department and the sending out of literature to the churches.
4. That the General Assembly decline to comply with the overture to combine The Missionary with The Home Missionary.
5. That the Executive Committee be instructed to arrange, if possible, for a more economical publication of The Missionary, and to furnish the children of the church with a suitable magazine or paper, at a subscription price of twenty-five cents a year.
6. That the following persons be appointed members of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions:

Ministers.-S. H. Chester, J. H. MeNeilly, E. A. Ramsey, J. W. Lupton, J. H. Bryson, J. W. Bachman, R. C. Reed, Angus MeDonald, G. W. Patterson, and F. B. Webb.

Ruling Elders.-C. A. Thompson, Z. W. Ewing, R. J. Gordon, and W. H. Raymond.
7. That the Executive Committee be incorporated.
8. Your Committee find the Minutes of the Executive Committee carefully written, and recommend that they he approved, and the committee commended.
H. M. WHITE,
S. T. RUFFNER,
ALFRED T. GRAHAM,
J. M. PLOWDEN,
R. M. REAMS.

The report of the Standing Committee on Colored Evangelization was adopted, and is as follows :

## Report of Stinding Committee on Colored Evangelization.

There has been placed in the hands of your committee the report of the Assembly's Executive Committee of Colored Evangelization, together with the minutes of the same, and also overtures from the Preshyteries of Tuskaloosa and Central Texas, all of which have received the most careful examination. The committee recommends the following action :

1. This Assembly reäffirms the many deliverances of former Assemblies expressive of the deep interest of our church in the salvation of the colored people in our bounds, and our duty to give them the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. In view of the fact that the plan of cö̈peration with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America proposed by the Birmingham Conference has been rejected by this Assembly as not acceptable to our people, the Assembly reäffirms with emphasis, that in the ultimate establishment and maintenance of a separate and independent African Presbyterian Church lies the surest and quickest way to the evangelization of the colored people. This opinion is confirmed by our own experience and by the history of the colored Baptist and Methodist C'hurches, and of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. By this plan the Assembly does not intend to sever all connection with the colored churches, but desires to gire them the largest and freest opportunity for self-support and self-development: and the Assembly pledges itself to continue to aid them in the education of their ministers and in Evangelistic and Sustentation work.
3. The Assembly again eujoins upon its Synods and Presbyteries to take such steps as will lead to a speedy and thorough organization of this work; and the Assembly solemnly charges its pastors and other church officers to lay this cause before their people and urge them to give liberally for its support.
4. That the churches be urged again to raise the sum of $\$ 15,000$ for this work, the sum absolutely needed to sustain the work already begun and to make reasonable progress towards occupying uew fields that invite our entrance on every hand.
5. That the administration of the work of the Secretary and Institute by the Executive Committee for the past year be approved, and that the committee be empowered to make such changes in the details of administration for the coming year as economy, efficiency, and progress may demand.
6. That the minutes of the Executive Committee be approved and the Revised Manual be adopted.
7. That the following be appointed as members of the Executive Committee for the coming year: E. P. Davis, E. H. Sholl, J. W. Lapsley, L. S. Handley, D. D., Rev. J. A. Bryan, M. A. Mason, J. H. Miller, R. D. Johnston, J. T. Searcy, and Rev. John Barbour, and that Rev. A. L. Phillips be elected Secretary.

| L. H. BLANTON, Chairman, | L. W. WHITE, |
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| E. P. DAVIS, | A. H. ROLLER, |
| E. A. SMITTH, | A. J. McKELWAY, |
| A. F. HOSS, | C. R. H. ALSTON. |

The Assembly adjourned till half-past 8 o'clock Monday morning.
Closed with prayer by the Rev. W. McN. McKay.

## TENTH DAY.

May 28, 8:30 o'clock A. м.
The Assembly met, and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. G. T. Lyle.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on the overture from Angusta Presbytery anent the relations of Dr. Woodrow to said Presbytery was taken from the docket, was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reports a response to the overture from the Presbytery of Augusta, whieh is as follows, viz. :
"To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to meet at Nashiville, Tenn., May 17, 1894:
" The Presbytery of Augusta respectfully overtures the General Assembly for instruetion in the following case:
"The Rev. James Woodrow, D. D., being a member of this Presbytery, but residing in the bounds of Charleston Presbytery, obtained a letter of dismission from the former to the latter; he presented this letter of dismission to Charleston Presbytery, and his application for membership was rejected. He remains, of course, after Charleston Presbytery rejected his application for membership, under the jurisdietion of Angusta Presbytery; but, until he has formally returned the letter of dismission to this Presbytery, is he entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership? If it is necessary that he should return his letter of dismission to Augusta Presbytery in order to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of active membership, is he prevented from doing so by the law of our church, Par. 277, requiring that a minister shall be a member of the Presbytery in the bounds of which he resides?
"M. C. Brıitт, Stated Clerk."
Beg leave to report that inasmuch as a minister who has a letter of dismission from his own Presbytery to another Presbytery remains under the jurisdietion of the Presbytery from which he was dismissed until he has been formally reeeived by the Presbytery to which he was dismissed (Book of Church Order, Rules of Discipline, Chap. XV., Sec. V.. Par. 280), he is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in the Presbytery from which he was dismissed; and it is the judgment of your committee that Par. $2 \pi 7$ does not forbid him to return his letter.

The report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on an overture from the Presbytery of East Hanover touching the substitution of "in" for "into" in the formula for baptism was taken from the docket and laid on the table.

The report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence touching a plan of federation was taken from the docket, was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reports on the following papers committed to it:

1. A commission signed by Wm. Henry Roberts, Secretary of the Executive Commission, Western Section of the "Alliance of the Reformed Churehes throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system," appoiuting the Rev. William F. Junkin, D. D., LL. D., as delegate to this Assembly.
2. A letter from the said delegate to the Moderator of this Assembly, presenting through him to the Assembly the "Plan of Federation" agreed to by committees of eight different ecclesiastieal bodies in the United States connected with said alliance, and inviting this General Assembly to adopt these articles of Federation.

The committee recommends the auswer given one year ago to a communication of a similar nature on the same subject, viz.: "This Assembly does not desire to enter into the Federal Union proposed."

By order of the Committee.

H. R. RAYMOND, Chairman.

The report of the same committee on the overture from the Presbytery of Abingdon touching discontinuing connection with the Alliance of Reformed Churches was taken from the docket, and amended by striking out the recommendation that the Assembly withdraw from the Alliance. Thus amended, the report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence has examined the matters embraced in the report of the Executive Commission, Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system, and would report that the ouly matters in said paper requiring action of this body are these :

1. The appointment of delegates to the Sixth General Council of the Alliance to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, during the summer of 1896, viz.: thirty-two, the number apportioned to this Assembly.
2. The provision of the payment of our proportion of the expenses of the Alliance, which amounts to $\$ 480$ the present year.

Your committee recommend-
That this Assembly, recognizing the obligation of whatever tax is due from it to said Alliance, instruct its Treasurer to pay the same.

To the overture from the Presbytery of Abingdon, "to submit to the Presbyteries the question of discontinuing our connection with the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system," your committee recommend this answer: That it is inexpedient to take such action.
H. R. RAYMOND, Chairman.

The election of delegates to the next meeting of the Alliance was referred to the next Assembly.

The report of the Standing Committee on Home Missions was taken from the docket, amended and adopted, and is as follows :

## Report of the Staxding Committee on Home Missions.

- The Standing Committee on Homs Missions would respectfully present to the Assembly the following report:

Your comnittee has hat within its hands the records, the expense account, and the Annual Report of the Executive Committee, and also an overture from the Presbytery of Memphis touching the Invalid Fund; overtures from the Presbyteries of Abingdon, Albemarle, Central Mississippi, Lexington, and Ouachita in reference to the establishment of a "bureau of information"; one from the Presbytery of Maryland as to the consolidation of The Missionary and The Home Missionary; one from the Presbytery of North Alabama as to coüperation of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian Churehes; and one from the Indian Presbytery, asking that the Executive Committee be authorized to extend aid in certain Christian enterprises hereinafter
mentioned. All of these records and documents have received your committee's most careful and laborious consideration.

Under the new plan, which went into operation on the 1st of January, 1894, the Assembly's conmittee, having no connection with the local work of the stronger Presbyteries, find its field of operation in what is confessedly the common missionary ground of our church, the ground to which all parts of our Zion represented in this Assembly should, and, if we are to succeed, must give willing and generous aid. God has laid at our door this vast work. The new sections of our land are being rapidly populated; even large cities are springing up in incredibly short time, and it will require hearty and united effort to meet our responsibilities in this promising field. The Assembly has laid before the churches its plan by which this cause shall everywhere twice a year be laid before our people upon its merits, so that each child of God may give to it as prompted by the Holy Ghost, and the Assembly hopes that its plan in this matter will be approved by all its constituent parts. "United we stand, divided we fall." The new plan has started with encouragement. The Assembly's committee is now aiding seventy-three missionaries. It has paid their salaries for the first quarter of the year promptly, and on April 1st had $\$ 71.40$ cash on hand. It will promptly pay for the second quarter, July 1st, and has now every hope of enlarging its work in the Indian Territory during the summer. We heartily commend the purpose of the committee to carry the work on a cash basis, and are encouraged by the success since January 1st.

## Invalid Fund.

The number of families placed upon this fund has increased within a few years from about 110 to 150 . There are over thirty infirm ministers on this roll, nearly two-thirds of the number being from 70 to 84 years of age, and in many cases entirely without means. Of the 112 widows quite a number are also infirm; others have families of from three to seven children. The beneficiaries have received $67 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the amounts asked for the current year, and all sums which shall be received at the central treasury up to the end of this invalid year (June 30th) will then be disbursed. Unless these receipts are unusually large, the amounts asked for cannot be paid in full. For the next year, beginning with the collection in July, $\$ 18,000$ should be raised in church collections. This Assembly solemnly lays upon the conscience of all churches and pastors the duty of securing in their next collection an increase of at least 50 per cent. upon the collections of last year. If our pastors, officers, and people will for a moment consider the condition of these suffering members of Christ's body, they will surely count it a privilege to respond to this call.

Your committee submits to the Assembly the following recommendations:

1. That the Assembly make answer to the overture of the Presbytery of North Alabama by calling attention to the fact that a joint plan of home missionary operations was adopted by the Northern and Southern Assemblies of 1889, covering exactly the ground mapped out by the Presbytery, and that the Home Mission Committees of the Presbyteries occupying the same territory constitute an agency abundantly sufficient for carrying out this plan.
2. In response to the overtures for' a "Bureau of Information for the use of Unemployed Dinisters and Vacant Churches," the Assembly answers: Inasmuch as said bureau was established in the Assembly's office of Home Missions by the Assembly of 1883, the Assembly's Secretary be requested to keep a standing notice of this bureau, under its appropriate title, before the whole church; and inasmuch as the Presbyterial and Synodical Committees are virtually "Bureaus of Information," that they be urged to coöperate with the Assembly's Bureau in all cases for which they themselves are unable to provide.
3. In answer to the overture from Indian Presbytery, the Assembly empowers the Executive Committee to aid in establishing Christian schools in missionary districts, and also, if the way be clear, to undertake an Orphan's Home in the Choctaw nation, and to purchase property for these purposes, on condition that the Executive Committee shall incur no debt.
4. In response to the overture from the Presbytery of Maryland, it is recommended that the Assembly appoint an ad interim committee, to report to the next Assembly as to the advisability of consolidating The Misxionary and The Home Missionary, and that meanwhile the publication of The Home Missionary be discontinued, and the matter of publishing receipts be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee.
5. In response to an overture from the Presloytery of Memphis, we recommend that an ad interim committee be appointed, whose duty shall be to report to the next Assembly touching the advisability of creating an endowment, the interest of which shall be sufficient to provide some adequate support, or of inaugurating some other feasible plan to provide a support for our aged and infirm ministers, and the families of deceased ministers.
6. The records of the Executive Committee are approved as correctly kept, and notice is taken of the resignation of S. M. Inman, and also that the salary of the Secretary has been reduced from $\$ 3,000$ to $\$ 2,400$, and that of the Treasurer from $\$ 1,200$ to $\$ 900$.
7. We recommend that the expense account of the Executive Committee be approved, with one exception : that in the recapitulation of the printed Minutes the expenses should appear as a separate item, and should not be charged to the various causes. Under the present arrangement, it is impossible for any reader to arrive at the sum total of the year's expenses without laboriously looking up and adding together more than a score of numbers.
8. Your committee has carefully examined the Manual, and recommend its approval, with the following changes :

Chap. III. The Assembly's Committee.-Par. 1 shall read as printed, except that the words "and Treasurer" shall be stricken out, and the word "ten" be substituted for the word "nine." Par. 2 shall be changed so as to read: The Secretary is styled "the Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions." His salary shall be fixed by the Executive Committee when not fixed by the Assembly in session, and shall be a part of the expenses of the cause. Par. 3 shall be a new insertion, as follows: The committee is empowered to elect a Treasurer, who shall be styled "the Assembly's Treasurer of Home Missions," and shall give the required bond to the Assembly's Board of Trustees. His salary shall be fixed by the committee. The subsequent paragraphs shall be brought into conformity with the foregoing, by changing the numbering of paragraphs accordingly.
9. Your committee would nominate for the Executive Conmittee, G. B. Strickler, E. H. Barnett, W. H. Gaines. T. P. Cleveland, and Messrs. M. A. Candler, A. Beattie, W. A. Powell, J. C. Kirkpatrick, A. R. Holderby.

ELGENE DANIEL, Chairman,
M. B. SHAW,

EGBERT W. SMITH, J. E. LATHAM, W. D. HOY'T,

VINCENT DAVIS,
T. HARRISON,

WM. E. MCILWAIN,
H. CLAY KREBS.
E. E. ERVIN,
J. H. LUMPKIN,
J. E. BOOKER,

## J. W. SMOCK.

The following resolution, presented by the Rev. Dr. Daniel, was adopted:

Resolved, That there be appointed a committee of three to confer with the Home Mission authorities of the Northern Preslyterian Church with a view of making an agreement, if practicable, to avoid unnecessary competition and waste of men and means in the territory occupied by both churches.

## The report of the Standing Committee on Young People's Societies

 was taken from the docket. The report of the ad interim committee on that subject was offered as a substitute, and was adopted, and is as follows :The Assembly recognizes the vital importance of training the youth of the chureh in the various branches of Christian work. The attention of church sessions is directed to this subject, and they are advised earnestly to consider the best methorls of developing and directing the Christian-activity of the young people under their care. In many churches Young People's Societies or Bands have proven helpful. Such associations, when properly organized and conducted, meet the approval of the Assembly, and sessions are advised to consiler the desirability of forming them in their churches.

In view of the varying conditions in our different churches, the Assembly does not deem it wise at present to preseribe any particular form of organization or method of work, but enjoins upon sessions that in forming and conducting such organizations the following principles should be carefully observed :

1. Such societies should, in all cases, be organized under the supervision and direction of their respective sessions. They should be kept under the exclusive control of the sessions, and required to submit to them annual reports of their work.
2. While the Assembly does not forbid affiliation for certain purposes between societies of our churches and those of other evangelical bodies, yet it enjoins upon sessions to maintain a careful oversight of the nature and influence of such association, and, in the exercise of their discretion, to guard their young people against influences and teachings which are inconsistent with the principles of our own church. The Assenbly wouid utter a special warning against the dauger to which young and inexperienced persons are exposed from attendance upon large and promiscuons conrentions which are not under ecelesiastical control
3. In societies which are constituted of both sexes, sessions should take care that the women and girls do not transgress the limitations of Scripture by conducting meetings or by engaging in public prayer and exhortation.
4. Should the number of societies in any Presbytery make it desirable that they should come into relation with each other for the purpose of conference or coïperation, such association should always be within presbyterial lines and under presbyterial control.
5. Sessions are advised to cultivate close and sympathetic relations with the societies under their care ; to attend their meetings frequently, and to encourage other adult members of the church to such attendance: to guard against a hurtful separation between the old and young in religious worship and work, and to forestall any tendency on the part of the young people to give preference to their own meetings over the stated services of the church.

J. F. CANNON,<br>H. M. White<br>T. II. RAYMOND, JOHN R. HERNDON, J. LEWIS HOWE.

The Assembly had recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

## The Assembly met.

The resolution offered by Ruling Elder J. W. Moore, relating to irresponsible evangelists and unlicensed preachers, was taken from the docket, adopted, and is as follows:

Whereas, in many parts of our church irresponsible evangelists and unlicensed persons are preaching the gospel within our bounds, therefore;

Resolved, That the General Assembly enjoins our Presbyteries, pastors and church sessions to prevent the unscriptural and unconstitutional practice of permitting unlicensed persons preaching in our churches.

The report of the Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry was taken from the docket, and, excepting that the Manual embodied in it was referred to the ad interim Committee on Beneficiary Education, was adopted, and is as follows:

## Report of the Standing Committee on Eduoation for the Ministry.

The Standing Committee on Education for the Ministry respectfully submits the following report:

1. The minute book of the Executive Committee has been examined, and been found to be neatly and correctly kept.
2. The annual report of the Executive Committee shows that two hundred and fifty-four candidates have been aided during the year, the amount remitted to them being $\$ 17,484.45$. There is still due candidates on last year's account $\$ 2,162.50$. The receipts of the Committee from all sources were $\$ 20,461.78$.
3. The Assembly hereby takes notice of the bequest of $\$ 5,000$ to the cause of ministerial education, made by the late W. F. Monroe, Esq., of Pensacola, Fla., and expresses the hope that others in our church whom the Lord has blessed with means will consider the propriety of bequeathing a portion of their substance to the cause of education for the ministry.
4. The Assembly hereby gives expression to its gratitude to the great Head of the church for the blessings which have been bestowed upon this department of its work during the year, and commends the diligence and faithfulness of the Secretary and of the Executive Committee in the prosecution of the work entrusted to them.

## Reoommendations.

Your committee recommends-

1. That the debt of the past two years, amounting to $\$ 4,458.50$, due candidates, be paid by the Executive Committee as soon as practicable.
2. That the Executive Committee fix the amount to be paid to candidates, and that the maximum appropriation be not more than $\$ 100$ to each candidate. The payment of the amounts pronised candidates shall be conditioned on the ability of the Executive Committee to meet its obligations, and in no sense shall these promises to pay be considered as a debt to be paid out of the funds of the subsequent year.
3. That in order to meet the increasing demands of this important cause, we earnestly urge upon the churches to raise the sum of $\$ 30,000$, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to apportion this amount among the Presbyteries,
4. That the Assembly earnestly urges the sessions of its churches to send to the

Treasurer of its Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry all money contributed by their respective churches, or by societies in their churches, both for the general cause of ministerial education and for special candidates; and all money contributed for a special candidate shall be forwarded to such candidate through the Assembly's Executive Committee by the church or society making the contribution.

The Assembly takes this action for the following reasons:
(1), That it may know how much the church is contributing to the cause of ministerial education.
(2), That each church may receive the credit to which it is entitled for its contributions.
(3), That the whole ehurch may be brought into closer touch and sympathy with the Assembly's scheme of Education for the Ministry.
5. That the churches and societies in the churches be urged to undertake the support of special candidates for the ministry.
6. That the fourth Thursday in February be set apart as a day of prayer for the youth of our schools and colleges, and that ministers be urged to preach upon the duty of parents setting apart their sons to the ministry of the word.
\%. That the Assembly adopt the following Manual of Elucation, and instruct the Committee of Publication to publish it at once in pamphlet form, and furnish a copy to every Presbyterial chairman of Education within our bounds.
8. That the following persons constitute the Executive Committee of Education for the Ministry for the ensuing year: Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., Secretary ; Rev. N. M. Woods, D. D., Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Rev. W. MeF. Alexander, Rev. E. A. Ramsey, Rev. C. R. Hyde, G. W. McRae, Treasurer. S. P. Read, Thomas Wellford, T. H. Rice, and John Johnson.
9. That the Executive Committee fix the salary of the Assembly's Secretary of Education for the Ministry at $\$ 1,800$ per annum.
[Signed]

| J. H. ALENANDER, | J. M. WHAREY, |
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| W. H. NEEL, | R. H. CALDWELL, |
| F. T. MCFADEN, | CHALMERS FRASER, |
| R. C. BROWN, | C. W. SUBER, |
| D. M. SWITZER, | T. H. B. HOCKADAY. |

The Standing Committee on Education further reported as follows on an overture from the Presbytery of Tuskaloosa touching appropriations to candidates for the ministry :

The Assembly directs-

1. That all candidates for whom aid shall be asked from the Assembly's Executive Committee of Education shall be required to state to their respective Presbyteries the amount of aid, if any, which they have received, or which has been promised to them from any source other than the Assembly's Committee of Education.
2. That when it comes to the knowledge of the Executive Committee of Education that aid from any other source has been received by, or promised to a candidate, the committee shall refuse to grant further aid, if, in its judgment, such action is best.

The report was adopted.
The special committee to which was referred a communication on
the suppression of lotteries made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication relative to the suppression of lotteries, beg leave to submit for adoption the following:

Whereas, we recognize and deeply deplore the existence and the blighting consequences of the sin of gambling, especially as the evil and its results are manifested in the form of lottery hazard, therefore,

Resolved, That this Assembly renews the deliverances of former Assemblies against this evil, and exhorts and warns our people against the insidious and destructive influences of this sin.

Respectfully submitted,

> A. MCFADYEN,
> J. H. LUMPKIN,
> W. C. CLAYTON,
> W. W. ELWANG,
> T. S. MCPHEETERS,
> Committee.

The Rev. W. W. Mills presented a protest against the action of the Assembly on the overture of the Presbytery of Augusta touching the relations of the Rev. Dr. Woodrow to said Presbytery. The protest was admitted to record without answer.

## Protest.

The undersigned hereby protest against the action taken by this Assembly in its answer to the overture from Augusta Presbytery respecting the ecclesiastical status of the Rev. James Woodrow, D. D.:

1. Because, under existing circumstances, it is contrary to both the letter and spirit of our law as expressed in Par. 27\%; Book of Church Order, and renders said law of no binding force.
2. As being inconsistent with the action of the last Assembly (1893) in its answer to an overture from Rev. D. O. Davis. (Assembly's Minutes for 1893, p. 27.)
3. As being incousistent with the action of the Assembly of $18 \% 6$ (and of 1875), which clearly held that a dismissed nember is not entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in the church or Presbytery from which he has been dismissed until his letter of dismission is returned. (Assembly's Minutes for 1876, pp. 238-39.)
W. W. Mills.

The report of the Standing Committee on Theological Seminaries was taken from the docket and adopted, and is as follows :

Report of Standing Commitee on Theological Seminaries.
Your committee report that they have considered the reports put into our hands, and find cause for gratitude in the rich blessing of God so evidently resting on these "Schools of the Prophets."

We have no report from the Austin School of Theology. With a deep interest in this school, the Assembly would welcome such a report.

1. Southuestern Presbyterian University.-The Southwestern Presbyterian University reports a very prosperous sear. Thirty-four students have been in attendance during the past year, which is an increase of one over last year. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity will be conferred on seven of the students. Mr. Austin H. Merrill, of Nashville, has been engaged as a teacher in elocution. The aim of the professors is to maintain a high grade of scholarship.
2. Columbia Seminary.-Columbia Seminary reports fifty-three students in attendance, thirtcen of whom graduated. There was a very gratifying increase in the number of students, and $\$ 24,000$ were added to the endownent.

Rev. S. S. Laws, LL. D., was elected to fill the "Perkin's chair," and steps have been taken to engage the service of Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D., to give instruction in homiletics and elocution.
3. Union Seminary.- Union Seminary reports a very large attendance. Seventyfour students have been in attendance. On October 2, 1893, Rev. Thomas E. Peck, D. D., LL. D., the senior professor of the Faculty, passed from earth to heaven. Dr. Peck had been associated with the Seminary for thirty-three years, and left a lasting impression on the minds and hearts of the students who were privileged to be his pupils. To fill the vacancy made by his death, Rev. C. R. Vaughan, D. D., was elected Professor of Systematic Theology for one year.
4. Louiscille Seminary.-Since the last General Assembly the Lonisville Seminary has been fully organized and manned. Rev. Francis R. Beattie, D. D., was elected professor in the school of Systematic Theology; Rev. Wm. Iloge Marquess, D. D., professor, provisionally, in the school of Old Testament Exegesis; Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D. D., professor in the sehool of New Testament Exegesis: Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., LL. D., professor in the school of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, and professor, provisionally, in the school of Biblical Introduction; Rev. Edwin Muller, adjunct professor in the school of Chureh History and Polity : and Rev. T. M. Hawes, professor in the school of Elocution.

Thirty-one stadents have been in attendance; on four of these the degree of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred, and diplomas to those who graduated in the different schools into which the course is divided.

The endowment has been inereased in various ways during the year ; notably so by the generous gift of $\$ 100,000$ by Mr. A. J. Alexander, of Versailles, Ky.

No seminary has ever started under more favorable conditions.
There is abundant cause for joy in the condition of all our seminaries. Each one is manned with able and consecrated teaehers: eaeh has been guarded from financial trouble, and in eaeh there is an increased number of earnest and faithful young men in training for their high work. The number in attendance at the Louisville Seminary is a elear gain for us, inasmuch as there has been no decrease in the others.

The Assembly would record with pleasure the appointment of Mr. Austin H. Merrill as teaeher in Elocution at the Southwestern Presbyterian University, and records its approval of the election of Rev. S. S. Laws, D. D., LL. D., as professor of the "Perkin's, Chair." and Rev. S. M. Smith, D. D., to give instruction in Elocution and Homileties at Columbia Seminary ; of Rev. C. R. Yaughan, D. D., as professor of Systematie Theology for one year at Union Seminary; of Rev. Francis R. Beattie, D. D., as professor in the school of Systematic Theology : of Rev. W'm. H. Marquess, D. D., as professor in the school of Old Testament Exegesis: of Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., LL. D., as professor in the school of IIomiletics and Pastoral Theology, and in the school of Biblieal Introduction : of Rev. C. R. Hemphill, D. D., professor in the sehool of New Testament Exegesis; of Rev. Edwin Muller, adjunct professor in the school of Church History and Polity; of Rev. T. M. Hawes, professor in the school of Elocution.

The Assembly also commends the establishing in two of the seminaries of the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, as tending to a higher and more accurate scholarship; and the training given in three of the seminaries of instruction in eloention, thus seeking to train the students to read the word of God with more power and to preach mone effectively.

The Assembly advises that the directors of the different seminaries consider the
question of making the course of instruction extend over four years, with sessions of six months. The practical training for their life-work given to the students during the vacations, will, we believe, more than counterbalance the extra time required, hesides helping greatly to supply our destitutions in home mission fields, and offering to our young men opportunities to sustain themselves while prosecuting their studies.

## J. W. ROSEBRO, Chairman.

## A resolution of thanks was adopted by a rising vote, and is as fol-

 lows:Resolved, That the heartiest thanks of the members of the General Assembly be given to the pastor and offieers of the Moore Memorial Church for their most thonghtful and successful efforts to provide in every way for this meeting of the Assembly, and for the comfort of all its members and officers; to the families of the city of Nashville who have so hospitably opened their homes and their hearts to the commissioners; to the ladies of the Moore Memorial, First, Glen Leven, Woodland Street, Second, Westminster, Cottage, McNeilly, Edgar and Ben Avi Churches, who have provided the excellent daily luncheons near the Assembly's meeting-place; to the churches of our own and sister denominations for their courtesies; to the Nashville Banner and Nashville American for their faithful record of the daily proceedings; to the various institutions and organizations which have sent invitations to the Assembly; and to the railroads which have given facilities for attendance upon the meeting of the Assembly. May the blessings of God rest upon them all.

## The report of the Special Committee on the Sabbath was taken

 from the docket, amended and adopted, and is as follows:The Special Committee on the Sabbath would respectfully report that the following papers have been placed in their hands:
(1), The report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath.
( $\sim$ ), A memorial to the General Assembly from the " American Sabbath Union."

1. From the report of your Permanent Committee it appears that, while all our seventy-two Presbyteries should have made reports to that committee, only fortyeight, just two-thirds of them, have done so. These reports indicate at least a healthier state of public sentiment in regard to Sabbath observance, though but little improvenent in regard to Sunday travel and traffic. Little progress, too, has been made by the friends of Sabbath reform in abating the great evil of Sunday secular newspapers, which are so prevalent in our large cities, but which cannot be pleaded as a necessity, since none are issued in London, the great business centre of the world. The desecration of the holy Sabbath by games of "base-ball" has assumed such proportions that it has become one of the great crying evils of the day, while Sunday excursions and other forms of entertainment and pleasure-seeking on that day are rapidly on the increase; and now it is proposed in the larger cities to and museums and art galleries on pretence of elevating the masses. The Assembly would enter its solemn protest against all these forms of Sabbath desecration.
2. On the other hand, we note with pleasure the strict observance of the Sabbath by the Christian Indians in our connection. It is also a cause of great rejoicing and gratitude to God that the friends of the Sabbath, in their recent struggle to have the gates of the Columbian Exposition closed on Sunday, were at last able to snatch victory out of defeat, and that thus the position of the American people on this great
question was placed in its true light before the other nations of the world, and their attention called as never before to the claims of the Christian Sabbath.
3. Your committee would further submit to the Assembly, that one great obstacle in the way of securing a strict observance of the Sabbath is the difficulty, under the rapid development of modern society and the ever changing condition of the world, of drawing a clear line of demareation between works that are lawful and those that are unlawful on God's day. This is a matter that is difficult of elucidation, as also the question how far, and under what circumstances, the church is to exercise her disciplinary powers in the case. This difficulty of defining its requirements does not perhaps exist, to the same extent, in regard to any other commandment. Work has no moral quality independently of the circumstances in which it is performed. These circumstances alone make it a violation of the Sabbath.

Then arises the equally difficult questions as to how far each church member must decide for himself what works are lawful on the Sabbath, and under just what circumstances our church courts can exercise disciplinary authority without being lords over God's heritage.

In view of all the foregoing facts, your committee would recommend-

1. That the report of the Permanent Committee on the Sabbath, with the exception of the part in which there is a reference to the judicial case that has been pending before the Assembly, be approved, and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly, and that the diligence of the committee be commended.
II. That a Standing Committee on the Sabbath be added to the committees of the Assembly.
III. That a committee of seven be appointed to present to the next Assembly a paper, in the form of an address to our chureh, setting forth and illustrating the principles that are to guide our people in deciding between works that are lawful and those that are unlawful on the Sabbath; and also the principles that should guide our church courts in dealing with the matter.
IV. The Assembly nominates to continue as its representatives in the American Sabbath Union the following ministers: M. D. Hoge, Richmond, Va.; W. T. Thompson, Charleston, S. C.: R. Q. Mallard, New Orleans, La. : T. D. Witherspoon, Louisville, Ky.; G. B. Strickler, Atlanta, Ga.; and James Stacy, Newnan, Ga., as chairman. And the Assembly urges these brethren, as far as possible, to be active as members of said Union.
Y. The Assembly appoints the following as its Permanent Committee on the Sabbath: Ministers-James Stacy, E. H. Barnett, and G. B. Strickler, and Ruling Elders S. M. Inman, and John A. Barry, both of Atlanta, Ga.

## S. B. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report, which was approved:

The Committee on Leave of Absence would report that it has excused the following brethren :

After Wednexday.—J. F. Lindsey and J. W. Suggs.<br>After Thursday. - C. E. Graham and J. F. Porter.<br>After Friday.-IR. A. Murdock, J. B. Morton, R. C. MePhaill, J. L. Woodbridge.

A. P. Brown, W. M. McElwee, J. M. Sydenstricker, J. R. Wilson, A. F. Hoss, F. McCutchan, W. M. McPheeters, W. S. McClintic, and M. G. Gorin.

After Saturday.-J. G. Patton, M. A. Matthews, F. E. Hastings, J. P. Hobson, J. W. Faxon, W. H. Gee, W. E. Harvin, E. E. Ervin, W. H. Neel, G. E. Campbell, HI. B. Haller, M. B. Shaw, C. L. Pond, and J. M. P. Otts.
J. D. McLEAN, Chairman,
E. W. FORD,
O. B. WILSON,

GEORGE JOHNSTON.

The resolution offered by Ruling Elder McPheeters touching the election of the Assembly's secretaries was taken from the docket and adopted, and is as follows :

Resolved, That the Manual of each of the Assembly's Executive Committees be amended by the insertion of the following: "The term of service of the Secretary shall begin on the first day of September and end on the first day of the next September.

Resolved, That the Secretaries elected br this General Assembly shall hold office until the first day of September, 1895.

The Moderator announced the following ad interim committees: (1), To confer with the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America concerning the conduct of home mission work without friction and the waste of men and money: The Revs. J. N. Craig, D. D., and W. H. Woods, and Ruling Elder James M. Coulter. (2), On the advisability of transferring the Invalid Fund and its management to the Trustees of the Assembly's Home and School: The Revs. Eugene Daniel, D. D., R. A. Robinson, and J. W. Rosebro, D. D., and Ruling Elders J. L. Marye and W. D. Reynolds.

On motion, the combining of The Missionary and The Home Missionary, as overtured by the Presbytery of Maryland, was referred to the committee last named.

The Moderator was authorized to name hereafter the ad interim committee called for in the report of the Special Committee on the Sabbath: Revs. S. B. Campbell, D. D., J. D. McLean, G. T. Storey, J. M. Purcell. Ruling Elders R. C. McPhaill, A. Moseley, J. B. McLane.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

It was ordered that this Assembly be now dissolved, and that another Assembly, to be chosen in like manner, shall meet in the First Church, in the city of Dallas, Texas, on the third Thursday of May, 1895 , at 11 o'clock A. м.

Closed with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.
Robert P. FARRIS, Permanent Clerk.
Joseph R. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

## APPENDIX.

## I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NARRATIVE.

The Committee on Narrative would respectfully report that seventy-two (72) narratives have come into their hands. All the Presbyteries, with but one exception, speak of the faithfulness of ministers, elders and deacons in the official discharge of their duties, though in the same narratives mention is made of the failure of keeping open vacant churches, neglect to take up collections for the various causes, non-payment of pastor's salary, lack of family altars and catechetical instruction; so that it is hard to tell by what standard the answer to the question has been measured. If it were really, as it is apparently, true that all of our ministers, elders and deacons were thoroughly in earnest in the discharge of their obligations, the church would far exceed her present attainments in the conquest of the world, and it could not be said that there are one thousand churches on her roll who have not as yet heeded the last command of their ascended Lord.

There seems to be a steady growth in the churches. Last year the average addition to each church was something over seven. Judging from the numbers given in the narratives, the average for the present year will exceed that of last year, one Presbytery alone reporting eight hundred and eighty additions.

Your committee is fearful, from the tone of these narratives, that the Presbyteries are in danger of teaching that a special outpouring of the Holy Ghost is only in proportion as there are accessions to the churches. Many of the Presbyteries bemoan the fact that there have been no special outpourings of the Holy Ghost, when it is clear that they simply mean that there have been no large additions to their rolls, for these same Presbyteries which regret that there have been no special manifestations of the Spirit's power, report that there have been additions to all, or nearly all, of the churches within their bounds, that they are not troubled with worldliness or intemperance, their congregations are growing in size, their people are worshipping God with their substance, and their membership is growing in grace, and yet they regret that there is no special outpouring of the Holy Ghost, and in every case where a special outpouring is alluded to, the result given whereby to judge of the special outpouring is the large accession to the roll. Your committee fear that this greed for mere numbers is a dangerous menace to the truth, and would respectfully remind the churches that the true prosperity of the church does not consist in the mere aggregate of the roll, but in the purity of the gospel preached, the Christian life of its membership, and the exercise of healthy discipline.

We are glad to say that none of our Presbyteries have harbored irresponsible traveling evangelists, but seem to have confined themselves to the legitimate means of grace as dispensed by authorized ambassadors of Christ.

Your committee is pleased to state that all the Presbyteries report the Sabbath generally well observed; and the only complaints uttered as to laxity refer to riding on street cars and reading Sunday newspapers.

The Presbyteries seem to be almost entirely free from intemperance, worldlines.s, and questionable amusements, and seem to be growing in the grace of giving.

Your committee is sorry to interrupt the flow of these excellences to record the fact that family worship is sadly neglected, and that Sabbath-school instruction has almost entirely usurped the place of parental fidelity.

As other features of these narratives will be brought out in reports of special committees, your committee will close by saying that, from a careful survey of the whole field, the church has abundant cause for encouragement and thanksgiving. The Assembly, therefore, sends cheerful greeting to all its churches, and earnestly eutreats them to put on the whole armor of God and go forth conquering and to conquer.
J. H. Thornwell, Chuirman.

## II. ABSTRACT OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the beginning of the year to its close, the work has been environed with difficulties. There were difficulties connected with the home administration, and difficulties growing out of political complications in the foreign field; and in the business world from which our resources are drawn there was world-wide financial depression and panic. But under the good hand of our God, these troubles have, as we believe, only contributed to the greater prosperity of our work, and have been the means of awakening a deep and wide-spread missionary interest among our people.

While making devout acknowledgment of this fact, the Executive Committee would also express its deep appreciation of the many assurances received, while dealing as best it knew how with the difficult and perplexing problems that confronted it, of the sympathy and confidence of the church, and of the generous response to our appeals, which have averted the perils with which our work was threatened, and enabled us to report to you to-day that no debt has been incurred, and that no missionary under our care has been recalled from the field, or allowed to lack for the promised support.

## Finaxce.

The receipts from ail sources for the year amount to $\$ 143,774.02$, this is $\$ 9,874.25$ more than the receipts of last year. The disbursements for the year for all purposes were $\$ 140,501.04$. Of the total amount received, $\$ 8,387.70$ were a special contribution from the children of the church for the building of the Congo boat, and were not available for general mission purposes.

As appears from this statement, the disbursements for the year exceeded the receipts of the treasury which were available for general mission purposes by $\$ 5,114.72$. But on the 1 st of April, 1893, there was a balance in the treasury, exclusive of the Congo Boat Fund, of $\# 14,721.86$, so that the fiscal year was closed without a debt, and leaving a balance in the treasury available for general mission purposes on April 1, 1894, of $\$ 9,607.14$.

Our responsibilities for the present year will be cousiderably larger than for the past year; so that to maintain our work on its present basis, without any further enlargement, we will need to raise for the present year not less than \$155,000.

But it is hoped that the church will not be satisfied merely to maintain our present work. The manifestation of life in everything that has life is growth. For the individual Christian, the individual church, or the collective church, the cessation of growth means stagnation and death. The maintenance and development of life in the church at home demand that this should continually advance. If we would prosper at-home, we must keep step with the great forward movement of our age for the evangelization of the world. And while a thonsand millions of heathen are without the gospel, the time has not come when we can afford to turn a deaf ear to our marching orders, "Go teach all nations."

Our missionary force has grown during the year from 106 to 130 , while in two
years the number of native helpers in our employ has grown from $8 \%$ to 165 . With a proportionate enlargement of our work during the present year, in order to meet our obligations, we shall need to raise the sum of $\$ 175,000$. Can this amount be raised without unduly taxing the resources of the church, or doing detriment to other branches of our church work? The following statement will show plainly that it can be done:

The number of contributing churehes was 1,640 , being 15 less than last year; the number of contributing Sabbath-schools was 489, being 125 less than last year; the number of contributing societies was 749 , being 20 more than last year. One thousand and twelve churches, and more than two-thirds of our Sabbath-schools, gave nothing at all to this cause. If a plan can be derisel by which the Presbyteries, within whose bounds these non-contributing churches and Sabbath-schools are found, can be induced to see to it that in every one of them during the present year the cause of Foreign Missions shall be presented, and a collection for it taken, one essential step towards the solution of our problem will thereby be made.

## Speclal Object Work.

With the view of bringing the home churches into closer relations with the mission field, the effort has been made to enlist as many of them as possible in the support of individual missionaries. Fifty-three missionaries now on our roll are thus supported in whole or in part: three are supported by individuals; thirty-seven by single churches or societies; nine by groups of churches or societies; two by Ladies' Presbyterial Unions, and two by Presbyteries.

It is believed that by proper effort the number of missionaries supported by individuals may be largely increased. Our church has certainly not less, and probably many more, than one thousand members with larger incomes and no heavier pecuniary responsibilities than the three who are doing this work. There are enough strong churches within our bounds well able to assume the support of all the workers on our roll who are not thus specially provided for, thus leaving us a large fund from the contributions of the smaller churches with which to undertake new work and send more laborers into the field. In almost every instance where churches have undertaken this Special Object Work, their coutributions have beeu largely increased, sometimes as much as two or threefold. The attention of the Assembly is called to this matter, in the hope that measures will be adopted looking to the development of the work along this line, on which it is believed that our greatest progress and success for the future is to be achieved.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF SYNODS.

| Synods. | Contributions. |  |  |  | Average per Communicant. 1894. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1891. | 1892. | 1893. | 1894. |  |
| Alabama, | \$ 5,266 | \$ 6, 022 | \$5,539 04 | \$5,672 55 | . 51 |
| Arkansas, | 2,027 | 2,366 | 2,254 26 | 2,453 01 | . 60 |
| Florida, | 1,599 | 1,851 | 2,152 59 | 1,785 91 | . 51 |
| Georgia, . | 6,429 | 9,623 | 9,647 53 | 7,910 73 | . 60 |
| Kentucky, . | 8,958 | 9,406 | 11,532 32 | 9,992 02 | . 56 |
| Memphis, | 3,489 | 3,143 | 2,979 57 | 3,504 89 | . 46 |
| Mississippi, | 5,3\%2 | 6,458 | 5,504 86 | 5.25534 | . 39 |
| Missouri, | 5,889 | 6,207 | 7,241 72 | \%.874 85 | . 70 |
| Nashville, | 8,342 | 8,526 | 9,635 33 | 9.91880 | . 81 |
| North Carolina, | 19,795 | 23,076 | 21,155 73 | 20,338 18 | . 70 |
| South Carolina, | 10,620 | 12,189 | 11.224 43 | 11,173 31 | . 64 |
| Texas, | 3,359 | 3,793 | 5,126 99 | 3,98080 | . 32 |
| Virginia, | 22,902 | 26,789 | 27,560 78 | 29,150 46 | . 81 |

## The Missionary.

The circulation of The Missionary increased during the year, beginning with an issue of 9,250 copies, and closing with an issue of 10,000 . The total number of copies issued during the year was 115,000 . The number of copies sent free each month was 1,475 . On the first day of November the number of paying subseribers was 7,496 . Up to that time, owing to the prevailing financial stringency, it was not possible to do more than maintain the former circulation. But in the five succeeding months 1,029 names have been added to the mailing list, making the total number of paying subscribers now 8,52 ). The cost of printing and mailing the magazine for the year was $\$ 5,369.28$. There was received from subscriptions $\$ 4,045.52$, making the excess of cost over the receipts $\$ 1,3 \geqslant 3,76$. This result is due to the fact (which the Committee now recognizes to have been a mistake) that, in view of the great financial depression, it was not deemed wise to send out the usual reminders to delinquent subscribers until almost the close of the ecclesiastical year. Those reminders have now been sent out, and the result is proving that if they had been sent earlier, returns would have been received sufficient to defray all the expenses of publication. There are about $\$ 3,000$ of unpaid subseriptions now due. If all subseriptions now due were paid, the balance of receipts over cost would be about $\$ 1,700$.*

In 1888 the number of paying subscribers was only 2,000 . It will be seen that the paying circulation now, as compared with that date, is more than quadrupled. Including ministers, there is now one copy issued to every nineteen communicants in the church; or, reckoning on the basis of paying subscribers, about four and a half per cent. of our communicants take the magazine. With the help of our pastors and Ladies' Societies the circulation might easily be doubled this year. If this sere done, the magazine would become a source of revenue, and the indirect returns from its. circulation would be many times more than its cost.

An average of one copy to every two families would give us a circulation of 20,000. Missionary information is the indispensable condition of missionary interest. Measures have recently been adopted with the view of making The Missionary richer than ever in fresh facts from the mission fields.

## Reinforcements.

Twenty-seven new missionaries were sent out during the year. Of these, fourteen were sent to China. They were: W. H. Venable, M. D., Miss Belle Smith, Miss S. E. Fleming, Miss Julia McGimnis, Mrs. Anna Sykes, Miss Eliza Talbot, Miss Augusta Graves, Rev. J. Y. McGinnis, James B. Woods, M. D., and Mrs. Woods, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson, Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., and Miss Emma Boardman.

The Mission to Japan was reinforced by Miss Kate T. Boude, Miss Sala Evans, and Miss Lizzie Moore.
A. D. Drew, M. D., and MIrs Drew, were sent to Korea.

The Brazilian Mission was reinforced by Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Henry, Rev. and Mrs. George E. Henderlite, Rev. and Mrs. George A. Grillbortzer, and Miss. Winona Evans.

In the month of January, Rev. II. B. Pratt, who had been sent as a missionary to Mexico by Bethel Presbytery, in South Carolina, was, at the request of that Presbytery, transferred to the care and direction of the Executive Committee, and his name is now on our roll.

Three of our workers ceased from their labors during the year: Mrs. Louisa Alena Glimnan, wife of Rev. R. B. Grinnan, died at Kobe, Japan, July 9, 1893.

Mrs. Magdalena L. Collazo, wife of Rev. Evaristo P. Collazo, died at Santa Clara, Cuba, August 23, 1893.

[^2]Mrs. Ellie Reed More, wife of Rev. John W. More, was compelled by failing health to return home in the month of May. She died at Huntersrille, N. C., November 18,1893 .

Rev. John W. Moore, who returned with Mrs. Moore, spent the greater part of the year in this country. He returned to Japan in the latter part of March.

Miss Annie Dowd was compelled to retire from the work at Kochi, Japan, on accolunt of failing health.

Miss Sallie Chambers, of the Lavras Mission, has also retired from the work on account of her health.

It is hoped that both of these efficient workers will soon be ready to return to the field.

Rev. Arthur Rowbotham and wife were both compelled by repeated and long continued attacks of African fever to withdraw from the work in Africa. At one time Mrs. Rowbotham's life was almost despaired of, but she was mercifully raised up and enabled to make the difficult journey across the country from Luebo, and they arrived safely in this country in the month of February.

## Office of Sechetari.

On the 12th day of September there was laid before the Executive Committee the official letter of the Rev. H. M. Woods, D. D., to the Committee of the General Assembly, declining the office of Secretary of Foreign Missions, to which he had beeu elected by the last Assembly. The Executive Committee thereupon, after earnest prayer for divine guidance, elected Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., to that office. Dr. Houston declined to accept the office, but consented, at the urgent request of the Committee, to perform the duties of Secretary for another month, in order that the matter might receive more consideration. At the meeting of the Committee on October 2nd, Dr. Houston announced that, after careful consideration, he still felt it to be his duty to decline the office. Since that date Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D., a member of the Committee, has, at the request of the Committee, been occupying the office as Acting Secretary.

Office of Treasurer.
On the 12th day of June Mr. J. H. Kline resigned the office of Treasurer, and Mr. George G. O'Bryan was appointed Treasurer pro tem. until a permanent Treasurer could be secured. On July 3rd Mr. Erskine Reed was elected by the Committee as permanent Treasurer.

## III. ABSTRACT OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

## I.--Cintreh Erection.

The year opened April 1st, 1893, with cash on hand $\$ 5,809.33$. Receipts to December 31st from contributions, $\$ 1,144.73$, to which should be added $\$ 200.85$ returned on loans, making receipts total, $\$ 1,345.58$, placing a total of $\$ 7,154.91$ in the hands of the Treasurer during the year. The sum of $\$ 3,262.40$ was paid out in donations to aid in the erection of twenty-nine buildings; the sum of $\$ 655$ was loaned to seven congregations; expenses were paid as per Treasurer's Report, and the sum of $\$ 3,081.65$ for this fund was cash on hand at the close of 1893 , and has been promised to other congregations not yet ready to receive it.

> II.-Sustentation.

Receipts April 1st to December 31st, 1893: from legacies, $\$ 259$; contributions, $\$ 13,668.97$; total, $\$ 13,927.97$; to which add $\$ 120.85$ paid out before April 1 st, which,
not being used, was later returned to the treasury, and we have $\$ 14,048.82$ in the hands of the Treasurer up to December 31st. Of this, $\$ 2,407.62$ was neerled to pay a balance due from this fund to the treasury at the beginning of the year; $\$ 12,726$ was paid out to fifty-three Presbyteries to aid in the support of two hundred ministers; $\$ 183.05$ was paid for vacation services of four candidates working under direction of Presbyteries; expenses were paid as per Treasurer's Report, and this fund, on December 31 st, was overdrawn to the extent of $\$ 3,180.85$.

## III.-Erangelistio Fund, Including Indian Missions.

This fund began the year with $\$ 98.19$ cash on hand. Receipts to December 31st were: from legacies, $\$ 5 \pi 5$; contributions, $\$ 10,331.88$ : from the Office of Foreign Missions, on account of the Indian work, $\$ 2,12$; giving a total in the hands of the Treasurer to December 31st of $\$ 13,130.07$. The sum of $\$ 100$ was paid by order of the last Assembly to Mr. A. T. Hensley, of Texas, on a debt contracted during the war; \$50 was paid to Mis. Currie, a teacher of the Alabama Indians in Texas; $\$ 1,490$ was paid for the benefit of Armstrong Choctaw Orphan Academy, under the care of Rev. C. J. Ralston; $\$ 6,416.24$ was paid to twenty-six Presbyteries for the support of forty-four evangelists; and $\$ 4,032.49$ was paid for the support of four white and five Indian missionaries laboring in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations; expenses were paid as per Treasurer's Report, and on December 31st this fund fund was overdrawn to the extent of $\$ 833.46$.

On December 6th, 1893, your Committee borrowed $\$ 1,500$ to meet pressing needs among the ministers who were looking to this Committee for aid from the Sustentation and Evangelistic Funds. This loan stood as a debt against the treasury.

On the 31st of December, 1893, under the action of the Assembly, its plan of conducting its Home Missionary work was closed, to make way for the new plan which was to begin Jannary 1st, 1894.

The financial status of the three funds, Church Erection, Sustentation, and Evangelistic, on December 31st, stood as follows:
Sustentation was in debt . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 3,180 85
The Evangelistic Fund was in debt . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 83346
$\$ 4,01431$
Church Erection had to its credit
$3,081 \quad 65$
The three causes, taken together, were in debt . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 93266
The $\$ 1,500$ mentioned above as borrowed on December 6th had enabled the treasury to pay the $\$ 932.66$ just mentioned, and left, as the Treasurer's Report states, the sum of $\$ 567.34$ in the treasury January 1st, 1894 ; but, inasmuch as it was necessary to pay the borrowed $\$ 1,500$ after January 1st, the new plan really began January 1, 1894, with a debt of $\$ 932.66$, as stated.

Your Committee made the utmost effort to begin the year 1894 free from debt. The receipts for Sustentation from April 1st to December 31st were larger than they had been for several years, but the receipts for the Evangelistic Fund from the June and September collections fell off, in round numbers, $\$ 5,265$ from the receipts of the previous year, and this caused the whole treasury to be in debt at the end of the year. That falling off was no doubt due in some measure to the great stringency in financial affairs, but was doubtless due in a considerable degree also to the fact that some Synods and several Presbyteries, which were conducting Evangelistic work through local treasuries, were compelled to make large calls on the churches to enable them to meet their obligations, thus lessening the amount which might otherwise have been contributed to the Assembly's treasury.

## IV.-Tie Intalid Fund.

The year began April 1st, 1893 , with $\$ 340.12$ cash on hand. Receipts from legacies were $\$ 35$; contributions, $\$ 12.032 .52$; total receipts, $\$ 12,067.52$. Add to this $\$ 37.50$, returned to the treasury from payments of the previous year not used, and we have total in the hands of the Treasurer, $\$ 12.445 .14$. Of this, the sum of $\$ 11,036 . \% 1$ was paid to fifty-four Presbyteries for the aid of thirty-two infirm ministers, one hundred and twelve widows, and in twelve cases to aid children of ministers with both parents deceased. Expenses were paid as per Treasurer's Report, and on the 1st of April this fund was overdrawn in the sum of $\$ 94.47$. The receipts for this eause for the last four years have been, in round numbers, as follows:
To April 1, 1891, without legacies, . . \$15,873 00 Legacies included, . . \$15,948 00 To April 1, 1892, " " . . 15,90200 " " . . 18,54300 To April 1, 1893, " . . 13,12900 " ${ }^{\circ}$. . 13,28800 To April 1, 1894, " . . 12,03200 " 0 . . 12,06700

It will thus be seen that there has been for the last two years a marked falling off in the contributions to this cause, as compared with the two previous years. Whether this has been due to the stringeney of the times, or to some other minnown cause, your Committee is not able to say. The stringency, however, has doubtless led some families to ask for help who might otherwise have gone without it. The Invalid Fund year runs to June 30 th. Disbursements to April 1 st were sufficient to pay $67 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the amounts which Presbyteries asked from the treasury. About $\$ 500$ are to the credit of this fund as this report goes to press, and other receipts may still be expected. These, whatever they may be, will be disbursed June 30th.

## V.-Indian Missions and Armatrong Academy.

In July last, Rev. Joshua Bohannon, a young man of Choctaw blood and of very superior character, completed his course at the Southwestern Presbyterian University, and entered upon what we regarded as a most hopeful work, as our missionary to the Choctaws and Chickasaws. We were called, however, in January, to bow before the will of him who doeth all things well, who called our brother to his final reward. His eareer was brief, but influential for good.

Rev. F. H. Wright labored through the summer and fall of 1893 with the local missionaries, who have labored diligently during the year, and the report of the Presbytery will show the organization of new churches and of an increased membership.

The work at Armstrong Academy, where Rev. C. J. Ralston and assistants had the care of seventy orphan boys, went on well until January. Then the Choctaw Board of Education gave us notice that they would cancel their contraet with us. They assigned two reasons, one of which was certainly worthless, and as to the other Mr. Ralston challenged the strictest investigation. The Indian Board, however, desired an immediate surrender of the school. The controlling reason with them, no donbt, was their desire to place their own people in charge, and to dispense with missionary control, and seeing their determination, Mr. Ralston and other brethren in the Territory thought it was best for us to waive our right to six months' notice. This accordingly was done, and the school was given over on their call.

## VI.-Colored Evangelistio Fund.

The Treasurer of Home Missions is also the Treasurer of the Colored Evangelistic Fund.

## The Home Missionary.

The Treasurer's Report shows an outlay of $\$ 1,101.99$ on aecount of this paper; its receipts were $\$ 429.60$. Amount transferred to the expense account, $\$ 622.39$.

## The Regular Loan Find

began its work in June, 1886. The sum of $\$ 6,030$ has been loaned to forty-four white congregations, and $\$ 255$ have been loaned to five colored congregations, as debts of honor, free from interest, to enable those congregations to erect or repair houses of worship. On the loans to white congregations the sum of $\$ 4,448.33$ has fallen due; of which $\$ 2,401$ have been paid, leaving $\$ 2,047.33$ now past due from twenty-one white congregations still unpaid. On the loans to colored congregations the sum of $\$ 255$ has fallen due, and of this $\$ 125.50$ have been paid, leaving $\$ 129.50$ past due from four colored congregations still unpaid. The debt of $\$ 300$, due from the congregation at Tunica, Mississippi, has been canceled in accordance with instructions given by the last Assembly; said congregation having asked the Assembly to cancel this debt, because the church at that place had been destroyed by a cyclone. The total amount which has been loaned under this "debt of honor" clause to April 1st, 1894, has been $\$ 6,285$, of which $\$ 2,526.50$ have been paid, $\$ 300$ have been canceled, and $\$ 2,176.83$ now past due are still mpaid, and $\$ 1,281.6 \%$ have not yet fallen due.

## IV. ABSTRACT OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PLBLICATION.

There seemed at the time of our last report every reason to believe that continued financial depression would result in further decline in the business of the Publishing Honse, but though the past year has been even more trying than the previous year in most lines of business, we are able to report a decided increase in the sales of the Publishing House as well as in the circulation of our Sabbath-school literature.

It would be a cause of much gratitude if we could find further encouragement in the contributions of the churches to the colportage and donation funds, but we are obliged to report that only $\$ 8,043.02$ have been received for the cause from all sources, being less than last year by $\$ 366.28$. The contributions of churches and Sabbathschools, however, being only $\$ 185.67$ short of last year.

We have, notwithstanding this fact, had engaged in colportage work a larger force than was reported last year, and the results have been highly encouraging.

The amount thus appropriated to the colportage work is, however, more than the contributions of the year justify, inasmuch as the donations called for have aggregated. as shown by the Treasurer's Report, $\$ 4,561.01$, making the appropriations for the two lines of our benevolent work $\$ 9.524 .83$, or nearly $\$ 1,500$ more than the contributions from all sources.

Grants of books, papers, \&c., for needy Sabbath-schools and churches, in response to applications from the proper presbyterial authorities, together with grants to our ministers of tracts, and of Bibles and Testaments to those reciting perfectly the Shorter Catechism and the Introduction to the Shorter Catechism, have swelled this account to larger proportions than ever before, and there has come to us more gratifying evidence of an appreciation of this part of our work than ever before.

None of the gifts made by the Committee are, as we believe, more profitably bestowed than the Bibles and Testaments given as rewards for the perfect recitation of the Shorter Catechism and the Introduction to the Shorter Catechism. Four hundred and seventy-four Bibles, a few more than last year, and three hundred and sixty-six Testaments, more than double the number given last year, have been distributed during the year. This indicates a growth in the study of our Catechisms that is most gratifying.

While the growth of the subscription lists of the Sabbath-school papers has not been
as great as last year, there has been a steady increase, which may be measured by the larger royalty received from the publishers, larger than has ever been received in any year before.

We are often called upon by some of our Sabbath-schools to supply the papers and lesson helps issued by other houses, and always cheerfully do so, but it is a gratification to know that the number of our schools using our own papers is growing from year to year.

The report of the Treasurer sets forth the financial condition of the Committee, together with the receipts and disbursements of the year, the net assets of the Committee being $\$ 102,937.34$.

Attention is invited to two features embraced in the Treasurer's Report, viz. : (1), The small amount of liabilities reported, $\$ 1,269.35$; this item would be less than this amount by at least $\$ 1,000$, but for the fact that we have in our hands a considerable stock which is "on sale," but for convenience sake is carried on our books. (2), The other feature to which attention is asked is the scaling down of the stereotype plate account by five per cent. It is the purpose of the committee to make such a reduction each year in the valuation of our plates as will represent the loss by wear and general depreciation. It should be distinctly understood in this connection that the valuation of our stereotype plates, as it appears in our assets, though nearly thirtyfive per cent. below their artual cost, is still beyond their market value, inasmuch as their value to us in our work is far greater than to anyone else.

## V. ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EDUCATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

The status of the work at the last Assembly was as follows: The report for 1892-'93 showed a larger number of candidates aided than ever before. The total receipts were $\$ 23,238$. There were no legacies. The number of candidates aided was 261 , and the contributions of the churches were not sufficient to pay the candidates the amount asked for them by the Presbyteries by $\$ 5,403.26$. To meet this deficit the Assembly authorized the committee to send forth a circular to the churches, asking for a free-will.offering. This was done in the month of June, and 1,000 circulars were sent forth. The contributions from the April collection were still coming in, and on the 18th of July the Treasurer's statement showed that $\$ 2,182.13$ had been received since May 15 th. This result indicates that only a few churehes responded to the call of the Assembly for a free-will offering, for about the same amount was received the year previous in the same time. By direction of the Committee the Secretary continued to pay out the money coming into the treasury, on the deficit of last year, until Norember 8th, when $\$ 2,060 \mathrm{had}$ been paid out. The November collection was now beginning to come in, and the exigencies of our candidates for the present year required that all further payments on the deficit of last year be suspended. Thenceforward to the 15th of May all moneys have been forwarded as speedily as possible to our candidates.

The Committee consulted whether or not we could not still further reduce our indebtedness by an appeal to those candidates who had finished their course and were now receiving salaries, and to others who had received help from other sources, to relinquish the amount due them on last year's appropriation. Accordingly, after the fall sessions had begun, the Secretary opened correspondence with the professors and candidates and as a result of that correspondence secured a relinquishment of claims to the amount of $\$ 900$.

There is a legacy of $\$ 5,000$ from the estate of the late Mr. W. F. Monroe, of Pensacola, Fla.; for Education, which we hope to realize during the coming year. If this legacy should be paid, it will cancel our obligations and leave a considerable surplus.

In view of the fact of orer $\$ 5,000$ indeltedness, and the continued stringency of the times, the Committee juclged that it would not be wise to promise over $\$ \pi$ to the college and seminary candidates, and the usual amount of $\$ 25$ to those in the Preparatory Department.

Earnest efforts have been made to secure the necessary funds to pay the candidates, and all things considered, with gratifying success. As heretofore, by the authority of the Assembly, $\$ 30,000$ were apportioned among the Presbyteries, and the amount of the apportionment of each Presbytery made known to the chairman of Education in each Presbytery before its fall meeting. In only a few instances have the Presbyteries thought their apportionment too large. In every such case, the apportionment has been reduced. But while their apportionments have been accepted, there has been, in most of the Presbyteries, a failure to come up to them. Indeed, some Presbyteries have informed us that a part of their contributions, and in some a large part, have been sent directly to the candidates, althongh these candidates were on our roll, and the Committee bound for their appropriations. We have information also that many of the stronger churches send their help direetly to candidates. This is right and good, provided these strong ehurches help also to raise the apportionment of their Presbyteries. We know some ehurches that do the one and do not neglect the other. They are liberal and noble helpers in both directions. The only way to make a certainty of raising enough money to carry on this good work, and to enlarge it from year to year, is for every Presbytery to feel its obligation to raise its apportionment.

Another thing, in the judgment of the Committee, that has contributed to lessen our reeeipts, is the unfavorable criticism on beneficiary edneation, based generally upon the ground that too large a proportion of our eandidates are aided by the church. Without expressing any opinion on this latter point, we simply mention it as having had an unfavorable effect upon the amount of our receipts.

But the most potent factor of all is the stringeney of the times. We need not divell upon this. All know the hardships and distress that have prevailed and are still prevailing all over the land. But with all these discouraging features our receipts aggregate $\# 20.461 .78$.

It is the judgment of your Committee that what is needed in this great work is: First, A deeper conviction of its great and growing importance. Second, Great eare in the examination and reception of candidates, both as to qualifieations, physical, mental, moral, and spiritual, and their need of assistance. Third, When once received let them have the confidence and the prayers of the whole church. Fourth, Let the help given them not be given grudgingly, but with a cheerfol and willing spirit. Fifth, Let every chairman of Education see to it that his own heart is in the work, and realize that it will mainly depend upon him to raise the apportionment of his Presbytery.

And in order to stimulate the Presbyteries to raise their apportionments, and that there may be no deficit, we recommend: That when an equitable apportionment has been made and agreed upon between the Presbyteries on the one hand, and the Committee on the other, then the candidates of each Presbytery shall be paid in proportion to the amount of the apportionment which each Presbytery pays into the treasury of the Committee. The Committee shall have the option of paying more, if the money is on hand, but it shall not be bound to pay a larger part of its appropriations than the Presbytery pays of its apportiomment.

## Vi. AbSTRACT OF THE THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENECUTIVE COMLIITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZATION.

The Macon Assembly gave your Committee authority to remove the Institute for Training Colored Ministers to Birmingham, Ala., " whenever advisable and practicable to do so without detriment to the cause for which the Institute was founded." The way has not seemed clear to effect this removal, so the Institute remains at Tuskaloosa.

The last Assembly likewise committed the entire management of the Institute to your Committee. Acting under this authority, your Committee adopted the following paper:

Whereas, it is absolutely necessary to bring the expenses of the whole work within the receipts; therefore,

Resolved (1), That the Secretary of this Committee be instructed to take charge of said (Tuskaloosa) Institute as its superlntendent, and perform the duties of Professor in the Academic department for one year.
(2), That an Academic department, strictly preparatory to the Theological, be opened with the next term.
(3), That Rev. R. B. McAlpine be hereby elected Professor in the Theological department for one year with a salary of $\$ 1,000$, on condition that his physical health shall enable him fully to perform his duties.
(4), That a committee of three, with secretary as chairman, be appointed to revise the Manual of Rules, and to report at the next regular monthly meeting.
(5), That this committee, in view of his resignation, hereby records its full appreciation of the patient, self-denying, and wise management of the Institute by the Rev. C. A. Stillman, D. D., for sixteen years its superinteudent, and of the inestimable service he has thereby done the cause of Christ and the poor; as also its sense of the great value of the services of Revs. J. G. Praigg, D. D., and R. B. McAlpine as the faithful and painstaking professors in the seminary.

The changes above indicated were carried into effect, as will be seen subsequently in this report.

Acting under the instructions of the Committee, Rev. A. L. Phillips took charge of the Tuskaloosa Iustitute about the middle of July, 1893, during vacation. Professor McAlpine and he, with entire unanimity, set to work to organize the Academic department, and to make such changes in the Theological department as seemed absolutely necessary.

By the beginning of the term, October 4, 1893, the details of the course of instruction, the text-books, hours of recitation, were so thoroughly arganged that the work of the Institute moved off smoothly, and has ssarcely shown itself to be new.

## Report of Factlty.

About the middle of the summer of 1893 we received from you instructions to open an Academic department in Tuskaloosa Institute "strictly preparatory to the Theological." This change necessarily involved many others.

Academical studies, almost all of them primary, have always been taught in the Institute. They were divided between the tro professors. Our task was to collect and arrange them under the instruction of one teacher, and so put all theological studies under one teacher. This would have been easy work but for the fact that many students would necessarily have studies in both departments. To give them full work in both departments would overburden them. So, by a careful study of the relative importance of studies, the amount of work the students could do, and their capacities, we arranged our courses of study and scheme of recitations. Before us
constantly we kept the needs of these particular students, and their mental powers and acquirements. The subjects of study we kept the same as in former years, except that we added to the curriculum, Higher English Grammar, Lniversal History, History of United States, Geography, Introductory Logic, Introductory Natural Science, Elementary Psychology and Vocal Music. We projected a course of aeademic study covering three years. So far the results noticeable from this course are: (1), A more accurate use of the English language ; (2), The mental awakening which many are receiving as a direct result of an enlarged view ; (3), Greater facilities in handling and classifying truths.

In the Theological departuent comparatively few changes were made, the chief change being the introduction of Dr. R. P. Kerr's excellent books on Presbyterianism and Fisher's "Evidences of Christianity" in the Junior, and Fisher's "IIistory of Christian Church" and Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons" in the Middle and Senior classes. For particulars as to the courses of study we refer you to the Catalogue.

The Institute has afforded instructions to two candidates for the Congo Mission. Last year the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions accepted Mr. J. B. Lindsay, of Alto, Miss., a graduate of the Institute of last year, and Rev. II. P. Hawkins, Vicksburg, Miss., a graduate of 1887 , as eandidates for that mission. After mature deliberation and full consultation, we decided to receive these brethren and give them special instruction for their work. Arrangements were made for their instruction an hour daily in medicine under Dr. R. Neilson, and for a daily drill in the translation of the French language, whieh is the state and commercial tongue on the Congo. This medical tuition was provided for by the gift of $\$ 50$ each from Mr. C. M. Huber, of Clarksville, Tenn., and Dr. W. I. Morton, of Racine, Wis. These young men came and devoted themselves with zeal and marked success in their studies. Owing to a hasty marriage Mr. Lindsay was not appointed at last. Mr. Hawkins' appointment is still under consideration. There are four men now in the Institute who have solemnly offered themselves to go as missionaries to the Congo Free State. Frequent and long consultations with Rev. W. II. Sheppard, F. R. G. S., show to us just what these men will most need by way of preparation for Africa. The "S. N. Lapsley Chair of English Bible and Modern Missions" has been established in the Institute. And so the waiting candidates. the established chair, the inviting field in Africa, and the blessing of God on our past efforts there, seem to point us to a special duty in this matter. The Institute has always had an interest in foreign missions. But does it not seem clear that God is calling us to make special efforts to reach Africa through our Institute? This chair ought to be endowed so that candidates may be thoroughly taught medicine, French, the History, Geography and Ethnology of Africa, especially of the Congo Free State, the History of Missions, the Biography of Missions, and especially trained in practical use of the English Bible in actual mission work under the eye of an instructor.

During the term we have enrolled twenty-six students, whose classification may be seen in the Catalogue. Upon the whole, their health has been excellent, and they have been industrious and well-behaved. In some cases we have seen marked growth in spiritual life. They have shown an increasing interest in chureh and Sunday-school work.

In conclusion, it is our deliberate judgment that the experience of the past year has abundantly justified the changes made in the Institute, which is now being admirably fitted to meet the growing needs of colored ministers for better and wider eulture.

We herewith submit the accounts of W. A. Powell, Treasurer, and A. L. Phillips, Secretary aud Superintendent:
TREASURER'S REPORT.
Colored Evangelistic Fuad.Dr.
1894.Dr.
March 31, To amount in Treasury April 1, 1893 ..... * 97580
To receipts during the year from the following sources :
From churches. ..... 18336
" Societies in the chimehes, ..... 8280
" Miscellaneous sources in the Preshrteries, ..... 9625
" Miscellaneous sources outside. ..... (682 13
" Legary of Mrs. Ruth W. Talmage, . . . . ..... $8 \% \quad \$ 8,50950$ ..... 59,48530
1894. Cr.
March 31, By cash paid during the year on the following at-counts:
Tuskaloosa Institute, Colored Ministers, Secre-tary's Salary, Traveling and Contingent Ex-penses,$\$ 8,80 \pi 7 \%$
Treasurer's Office Expenses, W. A. Porrell, Treas- urer, Salary ..... 15000
500 Postal Cards and Printing same ..... 6 25
250 Blank Printed Receipts ..... 125
Postage Stamps ..... $250 \$ 16000$
Amount in Treasury March 31, 1894, ..... $\$ 51953$
$\$ 9,48530$
SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
Rev. A. L. Phillips, Secretary, in account with the Executive Committee of ColoredEvangelization:
March 31, 1894. Dr.
To amonnt received from W. A. Powell, Treas-
urer, . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$ 8,805 7\%
To amount received for special missionary training, ..... 13763
Cr.
By cash during year on the following accounts :
Cash on hand April 1, 1893 ..... 72 51
Tuskaloosa Institute. ..... 3.342 91
Colored Ministers, ..... 2,773 25
Secretary's Salary ..... 1,80000
Contingent expenses, stationery, postage, ex-press, exchange, printing, . . . . . . . . . 285 03
Miscellaneous-School at Darien, Ga ..... 4500
Balance on hand March 31, 1894, ..... 36822
he has a balance in hand of $\$ 9,393.46$, said balance being held and invested for various "Funds," as shown in the account.

The bequest of $\$ 300$ made by Mrs. Jane M. Anderson, of which mention was made in our last report, is being litigated in the courts of Virginia. Our attorneys gained the case in the Circuit Court, and it is now in the Court of Appeals, where it will probably be decided at the next July term of that court. Regarding the bequest of $\$ 10,-$ 000 made by W. F. Monroe for the benefit of the Committees of Foreign Missions and Education, of which mention was also made in our last report, we are informed that the executor, W. A. Monroe, is making his payments direct to the treasurers of the interested committees. We are without advice of any additional bequests during the past year. The "Presbyterian Minister's Fund" has not rendered to this Board, during the past twelve months, any account of its management of the "Relief Fund."

In our last report we alluded to the complications which had arisen in regard to our mission property in Campinas; and we advised you that we had executed a power of attorney to Rev. Sam. R. Gammon, authorizing him to execute the necessary papers to reduce the property to our possession. Since then, we have been in correspondence with Mr. Gammon on the subject, and to-day we have had a personal interview with him, but as he is in this country, by direction of the Executive Committee of Foreigu Missions, for the purpose of meeting with the General Assembly and acquainting it with the situation in Campinas, we deem it unnecessary to give herein the results of the correspondence and interview. We do, however, append hereto a report made to us by a special committee appointed to investigate the status of this property, which is made a part of this report.

In regard to the overtures of Paducah Presbytery, and of Hancock Taylor, executor of Arthur H. Wallace, deceased, in reference to the "Forest Hill Church property," which were referred to us by the Macon Assembly, "with full power to act in the matter," we report, that on July 7, 1893, we gave notice to the respective elaimants to be present, either in person or by writing, on September 1, 1893, when we would decide the matter; but neither of them was present or sent a brief of their claim. Thereafter, on October 28,1893 , we gave a second notice to the parties, that as neither had appeared in response to the first notice we would meet again on December 1, 1898, when they could be heard. On the last nrentioned date, the representative of Paducah Presbytery filed with us a statement, that in the opinion of four reputable attorneys (three elders and one deacon in the Presbyterian Church) the church was entitled to the property in fee-simple; but the representative of Mr. Wallace again failed to appear or assert his claim. Thereupon, we decided to make a "quit claim deed" to the property to one A. S. H. Bóyd, as requested by the representative of Parlucah Presbytery.

Permit us again to call your attention to the order of the Augusta Assembly, which directs your Stated Clerk to forward, annually, to the Secretary of this Board, a copy of the Assembly's Minutes, and to say that this order has not been complied with. After some expense and considerable trouble, we have secured all the back numbers, of the Minutes, except for the year 1887. Anyone who will place us in possession of this number will confer a favor for which we shall be greatly obliged.

We are pained to announce the death, on November 25, 1893, of our honored brother, the late John L. Brown, Vice-President of this Board. We also announce, that General Rufus Baringer, because of advancing age and increasing infirmities, has tendered his resignation as a member of this Board.

As suitable persons to fill the vacancies caused by the death of Mr. Brown and the resignation of General Baringer, we suggest the name of Rer. John A. Preston, D. D., for the former, and of Rev. John H. Boyt, for the latter.

The term of office of the following trustees expires with the meeting of the Assembly, viz. : Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, James P. Irwin, and George F. Basou.

The officers of the Board for the year beginning to-day, are: Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, President; Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.. Vice-President; John E. Oates, Secretary and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. NYE HUTCHISON, President. JOHN E. OATES, Secretary and Treasurer.

Charlotte, N. C., April $26,1894$.
Cinalzlotte, N. C., November 23, 1893.
To the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Chureh in the Cnited States:
We, the undersigned, having been appointed a committee to investigate the status of the property of the church in Campinas, Brazil, respectfully report:

That we have been unable to find among your records anything which in law would be regarded as a muniment of title to this property, nor has this defect been supplied by the Committee of Foreign Missions at Nashville. A letter from the Secretary in reply to one from a member of your body, asking for any muniment of title in possession of that committee, informs us of a total absence of any evidence of title in their possession. It would seem that this matter was left entirely to the control and management of the late Dr. Lane, and all the information that the Board of Trustees possesses in regard to the property has been obtained by conversations with, and letters from Rev. S. R. Gammon, now of Campinas, Brazil.

From information derived from this source we understand the status of this property to be as follows:

The late Dr. Lane, having been entrusted by the church with a large sum of money for the purpose of establishing schools in Campinas, purchased therewith a large amount of land in that city, and, because the laws of Brazil prohibited eleemosynary institutions from holding lands, took the title thereto in his own name: and during his life, and while the title was so in himself, he expended large sums of money furnished him by the church in the erection of buildings upon the lands so purchased. That in the opinion of Rev. S. R. Gammon, who is now on the ground, the property is worth, if judiciously sold, $\$ 100,000$, and, on account of the situation of the city of Campinas, in the middle of the coffee zone, its rapid increase in population, and its facilities as a market, it is rapidly enhancing in value.

That Dr. Lane also made investments of his own money in real estate in Brazil and died seized thereof; that during his life Dr. Lane continued to sell several tracts or lots of the land purchased with the money of the church and received part payment of the purchase-money, leaving a part still unpaid at the time of his death, the title to the lots so sold having been reserved by him until the whole of the purchasemoney should be paid.

That this was the condition of affairs at the death of Dr. Lane, who left a will, the contents of which are unknown to your Committee, no copy thereof being among your records; but, from a statement in a letter of Mr. Gammon, dated „nd October, 1893, it appears that there must hare been in this will a devise to the church of abont onefourth of the property rightfully belonging to it. Among Dr. Lane's papers discovered after his death was found a declaration of trust, in writing, in which was set out fully the trusts upon which he held the property. This declaration of trust is now in the hands of Mr. Gammon, and your Committee is informed that a duplicate of this declaration of trust was left by Dr. Lane with the Committee of Foreign Mis-
sions. This duplicate, however, as we are informed by the Secretary of Foreign Missions, cannot now be found.

Dr. Lane left surviving him a wife and some infant children, and we understand that this declaration of trust is not devied by Dr. Lane's widow.

At the instance of Mr. Gammon, who appeared before your body in the month of March, 1893, and represented that the exigencies of the case required prompt action on your part in order to save the property to the church, your body executed and forwarded to Mr. Gammon a power of attorney, dated 4th March, 1893, constituting him your attorney in fact, with the powers therein conferred, which were, in brief, an authority to him to take at once the steps necessary to reduce the property to possession.

In the letter of Mr. Gammon, dated 3rd October, 1893, he informs your body that the power of attorney above referred to does not confer upon him the authority necessary to accomplish what he desires, and asks your body to execnte and send to him a fuller power, authorizing him to sell and convey any and all the lands of the church, and to make title to those already sold by Dr. Lane. He further states that, upon the transmission of the title to the church, there will be a succession tax of some $\$ 3,000$ to be paid to the Brazilian government, and that it is necessary that he have authority to sell so much of the property as is necessary to raise this amount at once, unless that amount is furnished by the Committee of Foreign Missions. We also moderstand, from the letter above referred to, that Dr. Lane's will has been admitted to probate under the laws of Brazil.

Cuder this state of facts, in the utter absence of any knowledge of the laws of Brazil, your Committee is at a loss to know what course to recommend. Butit seems to us plain that the first step to take is to reduce the property to possession: to get the title thereto either in the church itself, or in some one as trustee for it, as was contemplated when we executed the power of attorney, already sent Mr. Gammon, and this can only be accomplished by the institution of a suit in the courts of Brazil against the legal representative, the widow and heirs at law, or devisees, of Dr. Lane, to establish the trust.

In the present condition of the property, the legal title thereunto being in the legal representatives of Dr. Lane, your body itself could not conver the property, and you camnot confer upon your agent any greater powers than your body itself has.

Further, even if your body had the power to confer upon Mr. Gammon the authority he asks, we think, in view of the immense value of the property, this power ought not to be exercised without direct and explicit authority from the General Assembly. Your Committee, therefore, recommends, that in order to a full and perfect understanding of the matter, Mr. Gammon be requested to send your body copies of the will of Dr. Lane, of the declaration of trust, and of any other papers that may give us light, and that these papers, together with this report and Mr. Gammon's letter of October 3, 1893, be submitted to the General Assembly for its action, with a request for specific instructions in the premises.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
G. F. BASON,

GEO. E. WILSON,
Committse.

## VIII. REPORT OF AD INTERLM COMDITTEE ON REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE OF CANDIDATES FOR TIIE MNASTRY.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United Statex, to meet in Nashuille:
The indersigned committee was appointed under the following action of the last Assembly: "In view of the manifest desire in many parts of the chureh to have such
change in the matter of licensure as will authorize those seeking the gospel ministry to try their gifts in a regular and orderly manner at an earlier period in the course of preparation than is permissible under the present law of the church; also, in view of the fact that so many of our candidates are now engaged in preaching under a seeming authority which the Presbyteries have no constitutional right to grant:
"Resolved, That an ad interim committee be appointed to consider and to report to the next Assembly the advisability of making such changes in the requirement of licensure as may be necessary to correct what seems to be a growing irregularity."

The Committee has sought by an extended correspondence to ascertain the sentiment of the church in regard to this matter. It has been found that there is practical unanimity in condemning the irregularity referred to, but there is a diversity of views as to the method of correcting the evil. These views will come before the Assembly by overtures from various Presbyteries, which will be supported by commissioners on the floor, prepared to exhibit and defend the plans which they severally advocate.

The conference which your Committee has had with various brethren has developed the fact that there is a prevailing sentiment in the church: First. That unauthorized and irresponsible preaching ought not to be permitted; Second, That the standard of ministerial education should not be lowered; and Third, That some change should be made in the requirements for licensure.

Under our present Form of Government the requirements for licensure are practically the same as those for ordination; that is, a candidate must be prepared for ordination before he can be licensed as a probationer for the gospel ministry, so that licensure really fails to accomplish the end contemplated by the framers of our Book of Church Order, which was that there should be a trial period for testing practically the qualifications of those seeking the ministry.

It is the judgment of your Committee that such changes should be made in our present rules as will allow licensure to take place earlier in the course of theological study, and so the candidate's probation be extended through the whole period of his ministerial training, the final and determining tests being reserved for the examination which precedes ordination. In a paper appended to this report will be found the amendments to the Form of Government which the Committee recommend that the Assembly submit to the Presbyteries for their approval.

Many considerations might be urged in support of the plan suggested, but it is sufficient to say that our candidates would thus have the practical training in preaching that is so desirable; their services in mission work and in destitute fields would be made available; and they would be put in a position materially to assist, if not entirely to support themselves during their theological studies; especially will this be the case if the seminary course is made to extend over four years of six months' terms, which, in the judgment of many of our wisest and most experienced ministers, ought to be done. And this, perhaps, would prove the practical solution of the present difficulties of the Committee of Education.

If the Assembly deem it inexpedient to make this change in our organic law, the Committee would urge that the Presbyteries be enjoined to prohibit candidates from preaching before licensure, and to observe in all respects strict compliance with the requirements of the Form of Govermment regulating the licensure of probationers for the ministry. They need hardly suggest the great peril of allowing the present state of things to continue. The evil which exists in the practice of the church must grow worse and worse until it is effectually checked by the interposition of the Assembly's anthority. It is one which tends to degrade the office of the ministry, to lower the standard of ministerial qualification, and to produce great confusion in the administration of our law. In the appointment of this committee the last Assembly said that " many of our candidates are now engaged in preaching under a seeming authority
which the Presbyteries have no constitutional right to grant," and yet the same Assembly sustained the action of a Presbytery in granting permission to a ehurch to employ as supply an unlicensed candidate, declaring that "there is nothing in our standards prohibiting such work on the part of our candidates," which aetion met with an earnest protest by many members of that body. The reception of a candidate under the care of Presbytery is now, practically, a license to preach. If the services of these young brethren must be utilized, some method should be found for doing so in a lawful and regular manner.

The matter is not less difficult than important: but the Committee hopes that the wisdom of the Assembly, under the guidance of the Divine Spirit, may lead to a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Respectfully submitted.

E. M. GREEN.<br>J. H. McNEILLY,<br>W. R. DOBYNS,<br>Committee.

Paragraph 132 (Ch. VI., Sec. VI., Par. 4): Change to read as follows: "The Presbytery shall try each candidate as to his knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages. It shall also examine him on mental philosophy, logic, and rhetoric; on ethies; on the natural and exact sciences; and on his aequaintance with the English Bible and the Confession of Faith. Moreover, the Presbytery shall require of him a sermon, and a lecture or exposition of several verses of Scripture."

In the same paragraph (132), beginning with "Moreover, the Presbytery shall require of him, (1), A discussion in Latin," etc.; "(2), An exegesis," etc., transfer to paragraph 118 (Ch. VI., Sec. V., Par. 3), inserting it after "Discipline of the Church."

Paragraph 134 (Ch. VI., Sec. VI., Par. 6): Substitute "Probationer" for "Candidate," and "ordained" for "licensed," and transfer the paragraph to Ch. VI.. See. V., making it the first paragraph of that section.

## IX. REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH.

The Permanent Committee on the Sabbath would report to the General Assembly, that in response to a circular letter sent to the Presbyteries they have received answers from forty-eight of them. The Presbyteries heard from are as follows: Indian, Transylvania, West Hanover, Fayetteville, Coneord, Pee Dee, Palmyra, Chesapeake, Western District, Albemarle, Roanoke, Enoree, Louisiana, East Hanover, Montgomery, Central Mississippi, Maryland, Columbia, Charleston, Abingdon, Upper Missouri, Suwanee, Memphis, Arkansas, Orange, Tombeckbee, Florida, Macon, St. Johns, Knoxville, Bethel, Winchester, New Orleans, Potosi, Augusta, Harmony, Wilmington, Ebenezer, Western Texas, Cherokee, Mississippi, Dallas, South Carolina, Savannah, Eastern Texas, South Alabama, Atlanta, and Lexington. The object of the letter was to find out whether anything speeial had been done by the Presbyteries in the matter of securing-(1), a better observance of the Sabbath; (2), whether any changes had been made in the state or municipal laws tonching the matter: (3), whether Sunday traffic and travel were on the increase or decrease: and (4), whether, upon the whole, the general trend of sentiment and practice was in the direction of a better and holier reverence for the day, or in the direction of looser views and practices?

Of the forty-eight Presbyteries thus heard from, fifteen have returned favorable answers, either that there was manifest improvement, if not in practice, at least a healthier state of publie sentiment, which promised improvement in the future. Four-
teen report a backward tendency, as seen in the increase of Sunday travel and traffie, and other violations of the day. Nineteen report no perceptible change, either for better or worse. Some of the Presbyteries report improvement in one part of their field and deterioration in another. Some report a lessening of Sunday travel, but assign as the cause the financial stringency of the times. Others report a fluctuation in railroad traffic, keeping even pace with the amount of business done. In some of the States none but mail trains are run on the Sabbath. From those where both mail and freight trains are allowed by law, the report comes that there seems to be no difference in the amount of travel and handling of freight on the Lord's day as on any other of the week. In many of the reports the distinction is clearly drawn and emphasized between the conduct of our own people and the masses without, in this, that while the masses are more and more disposed to set aside the authority of the fourth commandment, our people are more and more impressed with its sacredness and binding nature. This we need hardly say is very encouraging. If all the Christian people of the land would hold up high the banner of the Sabbath, we would have little or no difficulty in achieving the victory in this great struggle with the world for the supremacy of the Lord's day. It is because God's professed people show so little appreciation for the day that the people of the world are emboldened more and more to disregard its authority. In this comnection we think it worthy of special mention that the report from the Indian Presbytery shows that the converted Indians in an especial manner exhibit their great reverence for the Lord's day by refusing to travel on that day.

Very little is said this year in the reports about the Sunday newspaper. We would be glad to believe the reason to be that the evil is abating, but we fear this rather to be the true reason, that the thing has become so common as not to excite any wonder or remark. Only one Presbytery has made mention of the insidions and perversive teachings of the Seventh-day Adventists. Several speak of the evil influences of the reduced Sunday rates in tempting so many to violate the Lord's day.

From a general survey of the field, it seems to us that there are several rifts in the cloud, which for some time past seems to be gathering over our horizon, which furnish encouragement for greater effort, and greater fidelity in our testimony, to what we conceive to be the teaching of Scripture upon this subject. And just here we would call attention to one fact brought out in these reports, viz.: that in those Presbyteries in which special efforts are reported, the most encouraging results are likewise reported.

By way, too, of general encouragement, we may also mention the result of the terrible struggle through which we passed during the last year with reference to the opening of the gates of the Columbian Exposition on Sunday. As the result of united persevering effort a victory was achieved, though in seeming defeat. If nothing more the world has had its attention called to the claims of the Christian Sabbath as itw never has before. Furthermore, as the result of the International Congress held at Chicago during said Exposition, a volume has been issued, containing the different addresses delivered on the occasion, and setting forth the claims of the day with great clearness and foree, the publication and dissemination of which cannot but advance the cause of Sabbath reform.

And now your venerable body will bear with us for simply calling attention to the fact, that, in the appeal case from the Synod of South Carolina, without undertaking to express any opinion whatever upon the merits of the case, a grand opportunity is furnished for giving the world a clear-cut statement of the position of our church upon the whole question of Sabbath observance. We cannot but feel the weighty obligations resting upon you and the tremendous issues involved, not merely in the
settlement of a single conerete case, but in the enmeiation of the principles which are to control the decision you shall reach. We need not remind you that the eyes of the whole church and country are turned to yon. May wisdom be given you to decide aright. And may we be allowed to ask that you embrace the occasion so grandly given to do something more than merely settle some question of constitutional law, and also to reassert the high position always held by the Presbyterian Chureh as taught in the word of God, touching the divine origin and eternal obligation of the fourth commandment.

The American Sabbath Union, with which we are in sympathy and active coüperation, will doubtless forward you their report, setting forth their work through the year, and also their plans for the future. We can but express the judgment that the organization has done great good thus far, and is worthy of our continued coüperation and eneouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES STACY,
G. B. STRICKLER,
E. H. BARNETT,
JOHN A. BARRY,
W. C. SIBLEY, Committee.

## X. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of Columbia Theologieal Seminary reports to the General Assembly as follows:

That the institution has just closed a very prosperous year. There have been fifty-three students in attendance during the year just closed. The institution has, perhaps, never seen a more prosperous year in its whole history. The Faculty reports that the students have made most commendable progress in their studies. Their examinations, both written and oral, are quite satisfactory.

The funds of the Seminary are, in a large part, in good condition, and yielding a good interest. A part of the funds is not at present yielding interest, but it is hoped that the Investing Committee can make such changes in the vested funds as to have all the funds yielding the nsual interest before a great while.

The Financial Agent has been engaged in visiting the Synods of South Carolina and Florida during the past year; and he has secured some twenty-four thousands of dollars, subscribed in five anmual payments. The first payments of this subseription have been, in large part, received by the Treasurer. The Agent is continued in the field.

- At the close of the term thirteen students were graduated from the institution, who had finished the regular course of study, and the Board gave them the regular certificates.

To relieve the Faculty from the extra work they have been from year to year performing, the Board has taken steps to engage the services of Rev. Dr. S. M. Smith, pastor of the First Church of Columbia, to give instruction in elocution and homileties during the ensuing year.

The Board would commend this school of the prophets to the church. It has done a grand work in the past, and it gives promise of a still greater work in the future.

Adopted by the Board, May 10, 1894.

W. W. MILLLS, Secretary of the Board.

## XI. ANNUAL REPORT OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary, in Virginia, reports to the General Assembly as follows:

The session ending May 2,1894 , has been remarkable for the large attendance, and for the faithful diligence of the students; seventy-four have been in attendance during the year.

The Board held its annual meeting May 1 and 2. Nineteen directors were present. Rev. George L. Petrie, D. D., was enrolled as a new member from the Synod of Virginia. Rev. Thomas R. English, D. D., elected to the Stuart Robinson professorship of English Bible and Pastoral Theology at the last meeting, was duly installed. Rev. L. B. Turnbull, by appointment, delivered the charge to the professor, who delivered his inaugural address upon "The Christian Minister."

On October 2, 1893, Rev. Thomas E. Peck, D. D., LL. D., Professor of Systematic Theology, and the senior professor of the Faculty, was called from his labors upon earth to "the rest that remaineth for the people of God." This faithful servant of God had been associated with, and had rendered valuable service to this Seminary for thirty-three years; from 1860 to 1883 , as Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity; and from 1883 to the time of his death, as Professor of Systematic and Polemic Theology. In both of these departments Dr. Peek showed the hand of a master, and left a strong and lasting impression upon the hearts and minds of the students who passed under his hand.

In order to supply the vacancy occasioned by Dr. Peck's death, the Executive Committee, by authority vested in them by the Board at the previous meeting, invited Rev. Clement R. Vaughan, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia, to fill the chair of Systematic and Polemic Theology as instructor until the close of the session. Dr. Vaughan accepted, and taught theology with great satisfaction to the Faculty, the Board, and the students.

Diplomas were granted to sixteen students who had satisfactorily completed the full course in the Seminary.

Nine hundred and seventy-nine (979) volumes were added to the library during the year. Most of these was a gift from the late Rev. Dr. Blackwood, of Philadelphia. The library now contains sixteen thousand two hundred and seventy-nine (16,279) volumes.

On Wednesday, May 2, Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., a member of the Board, delivered the address to the graduating class, and Rev. A. C. Hopkins, D. D., President, delivered the diplomas.

Rev. C. R. Vaughan, D. D., was elected Professor of Systematic and Polemic Theology for one year, to fill the position made vacant by the death of the lamented Dr. Peek.

In spite of the great stringency in the money market, by careful and faithful management of the funds of the Seminary, the Board has been able to meet all current expenses and to pay all salaries.

Overtures from land companies have been made to remove the Seminary from its present location to a city. The Board stands ready to entertain any practical overture

A copy of the Treasurer's Report, showing the amount of the invested capital, and of the income and expenses of the Seminary, is appended hereto
[A copy.] J. P. FITZGERALD, Secretary.

## XII. ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL.

The Southwestern Presbyterian Cniversity, Clarksville, Tenn., under the care of the Synods of Alabama, Arkansas, Memphis, Mississippi, and Nashville, respectfully reports as follows:

The University's Divinity School is well equipped to do the work which the Synods desire to accomplish through its organization, has during the year met with the hearty approval of the Syuods, and above all has seemed in every way to have the blessing of God to rest upon it.

The session about to close has been a prosperous one. The five professors have been continuously and earnestly at work, and have been blessed with vigorous health. An instructor in Elocution and Oratory, Mr. Austin H. Merrill, A. M., a member of the Moore Memorial Church in Nashville, and an instructor also in Vanderbilt University, has been added to the corps of teachers, making six in all who have taught the several branches usually found in theological institutions. Thirty-four young men have been earolled in the Divinity classes. They have conducted themselves with becoming fidelity and earnestness, and the examinations of such as have recently been licensed have elicited the heartiest commendation and praise of their Presbyteries.

Eleven young men will complete their studies in June of this year, viz. : Charles Zenas Berryhill, Western District Presloytery; Charles Turner Caldwell, Nashville Presbytery; William James Caldwell, Central Mississippi Presbytery; Henry Joseph Cumpsten, New Orleans Presbytery; John Shaw Foster, Nashville Presbytery: Thomas Marshall Hunter, Nashville Presbytery; John Munroe Munn, South Alabama Presbytery; Charles Oberschmidt, Mississippi Presbytery; William Robert Potter, Nashville Presbytery; Robert Quitman Riley, Central Mississippi Presbytery; John Daniel Stormont, Chickasaw Presbytery.

Of these, Messrs. Berryhill, C. T. Caldwell, W. J. Caldwell, Cumspten, Foster, Potter, and Riley have completed the regular course, and will receive diplomas as Bachelors of Divinity.

By order of the Board of Directors,
GEORGE SUMLMEY, Chancellor. D. N. KENNEDY, Secretary.

## XIII. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISVILLE PRESBITERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

## To the Venerable General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States:

The following report is respectfully submitted: The annual meeting of the Board was held at Louisville, Kentucky, May 1 and 2. The Rev. M. G. Gorin, the Rev. A. A. Wallace, and Jacob Van Dyke, Esq., were elected to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Rev. E. C. Gordon, D. D., W. M. Williams, Esq., and S. J. Andrew, Esq., of the Synod of Missouri.

In June last, the Rev. Francis R. Beattie, Ph. D., D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina, was elected Professor in the School of Systematic Theology. He has discharged the duties of this professorship during the whole session, now closed, together with those belonging to the School of Apologetics.

The Rev. Edwin Muller, of the Synod of Kentucky, was elected Adjunct Professor in the School of Church History and Polity, and the Rev. T. M. Hawes, of the Synod of Kentucky, was elected Professor in the School of Elocution.

The other members of the Faculty are: the Rev. William Hoge Marquess, D. D.,

Professor in the School of the English Bible and Biblical Theology, and Professor, provisionally, in the School of Old Testament Exegesis; the Rev. Charles R. Hemphill. D. D.. Professor in the School of New Testament Exegesis; and the Rev. T. D. Witherspoon, D. D., LL. D., Professor in the School of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, and Professor, provisionally, in the School of Biblical Introduction.

Ably and faithfully have these professors discharged their respective duties in the class-room, and in many ways they have contributed to the success of the institution.

Thirty-one students have been enrolled, all of whom, with the exception of five, are under the care of Presbyteries.

The degree of Bachelor of Divinity has been conferred on the following students, who are graduates in all the schools, viz.:

Eugene Bell, A. B., Joseph Logan Irvin, Franklin Henry Kean, A. B., and Henry Clinton Kegley, A. B.

A diploma was awarded to thirteen students who graduated in the School of Biblical Introduction; to four in the School of Old Testament Exegesis; to six in the School of New Testament Exegesis; to seven in the School of the English Bible; to six in the School of Systematic Theology: to four in the School of Church History and Polity: to four in the School of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology; to eighteen in the School of Apologetics, and to seven in the School of Elocution.

A certificate of Proficiency was given to one student in the Department of Pastoral Theology, and to five students in the Department of Homiletics.

Special diligence in their studies has charasterized the students, and their Christian conduct has been worthy of commendation.

Valuable contributions have been made to the Library.
The financial resources of the Seminary have been increased in several ways during the year. Mr. A. J. Alexander, ruling elder of the Versailles Church of Kentucky, has given to the Endowment Fund one hundred thousand dollars, which is so invested that it yields a net annual income of six thousand dollars.

In all the plans for the inanguration of this Seminary, and in this first year of practical work, the good hand of God has been distinctly recognized, and his great mercies are humbly and gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors,

J. G. HUNTER, President.

## J. S. Lyons, Secretary.

## PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS, DUE APRIL 1, 1895.

Abingdon, ---.-------------------. $\$ 3125$ Mississippi, ..... $\$ 2500$
Albemarle, ------------------------ 1250 Missouri, ..... 3125
Arkansas, 1250 Montgomery ..... 3750
Athens, 1875 Muhlenburg ..... 1250
Atlanta, 4375 Nashville, ..... 5625
Augusta, 2500 New Orleans ..... 4375
Bethel, 6250 Norfolk, ..... 2000
Brazos, 1250 North Alabama, ..... 2500
Central Mississippi, 3125 North Mississippi ..... 1575
Central Texas, ..... 6250
Charleston, ..... 1250
Cherokee ..... 1250
Chickasaw, ..... 1250
Chesapeake ..... 1250
Columbia, ..... 2500
Concord, ..... 1250
Dallas ..... 1250
East Hanover, ..... 1250
Lasteru Texas, ..... 3125
Ebenezer, ..... 1875
Enoree ..... 2500
Fayetteville, ..... 3125
Florida, ..... 1250
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nes The General Assembly having, in 1893, ordered that the Presbyterial assessments be increased by one-fourth, the due result is given above. Presbyteries, therefore, in making remittances to the Assembly's Treasurer, will please note this change.

Joseph R. Wilson, Treasurer.
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## TREASURER'S SUMMARY FOR 1893.

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Balance in Treasury ..... \$ 45949
Presbyterial Assessments, ..... 1,11270
Sales of Minutes, less postage, etc., ..... 16959
On account of Presbyterian Council, ..... 48000
Total, ..... $\$ 2,2 \geqslant 178$
Disbursements.
Publication of Minutes for 1893, ..... \$ 88450
Publication and distribution of Directory for Worship (1892) ..... 21741
On account of Presbyterian Council, ..... 48000
Salaries of clerks, traveling expenses, clerk hire, etc. ..... 38500
Traveling expenses of ad interim committees ..... 53098
Printing, stationery, telegrams, etc. ..... 1765
Total, ..... $\$ 2,51554$

## PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognizes the efficiency of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity of divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore-

Resolurd, 1, That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly in each year, that God would of his great mercy so give the Gencral Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions, and decisions, as to promote his own glory and to advance the kingdom of Jesus on earth.

Resolved, 2, That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

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GENERAL VIEW OF SYNODS.


## Comparative Summary of the Presbyterian Church for the Last Five Years.

|  | 1890. | 1891. | 1892. | 1893. | 1894. |
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| Synods, | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Presbyteries, | 71 | 71 | 72 | 72 | 73 |
| Candidates, | 363 | 371 | 409 | 427 | 445 |
| Licentiates, | 64 | 66 | 64 | 74 | 79 |
| Ministers, | 1,179 | 1,186 | 1,239 | 1,271 | 1,319 |
| Churches, | 2,400 | 2,453 | 2,572 | 2,652 | 2,713 |
| Licensures, | 64 | 66 | 67 | 49 | 70 |
| Ordinations, | 60 | 60 | 57 | 55 | 71 |
| Installations, | 139 | 108 | 147 | 159 | 170 |
| Ministers deceased, | 23 | 25 | 34 | 25 | 21 |
| Pastoral dissolution | 90 | 107 | 140 | 115 | 115 |
| Ministers received from other denomi'tions, | 10 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| Ministers dismissed to other denomi'tions, | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Churches organized, | 75 | 81 | 92 | 82 | 73 |
| Churches dissolved, | 21 | 19 | 21 | 10 | 15 |
| Churches recei'ed from other denomi'tions, |  | 2 |  | 1 | 3 |
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| Number of Ruling Elders, | 7,530 | 7,679 | 7,859 | 8,089 | 8,221 |
| Number of Deacons, | 5,611 | 5,868 | 6,128 | 6,385 | 6,646 |
| Added on Examination, | 11,400 | 11,024 | 11,224 | 12,187 | 14,098 |
| Added on Certificate, | 7,163 | 7,671 | 7,899 | 7,636 | 7,798 |
| Total Communicants, | 168,791 | 174, 065 | 182,516 | 188,546 | 199,167 |
| Nutmber of Adults Baptized, | 3,780 | 3,853 | 3,835 | 4,226 | 5,245 |
| Number of Infants Baptized, | 5,311 | 5,300 | 5,025 | 5,264 | 4,888 |
| Number of Baptized Non-Communicants, | 37,152 | 35,363 | 35,905 | 37,275 | 37,780 |
| Teachers in S. S. and Bible Classes, | 13,613 | 13,972 | 16,271 | 16,647 | 17,756 |
| Scholars in S. S. and Bible Classes, | 111,274 | 117,419 | 118,852 | 119,754 | 134,848 |

CONTRIBUTIONS.

|  | 1890. | 1891. | 1892. | 1893. | 1894. |
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| Sustentation, | \$65,036 | \$57,574 | \$47,011 | \$45,762 | \$53,406 |
| Evangelistic, | 54,445 | 75,772 | 90,189 | 84,136 | 84,249 |
| Invalid Fund, | 13,904 | 15,398 | 15,485 | 14,131 | 12,906 |
| Foreign Mission | 89,659 | 105,368 | 118,442 | 120,954 | 120,141 |
| Education, | 38,991 | 44,778 | 47,937 | 53,527 | 65,027 |
| Publication, | 9,016 | 9,211 | 9,264 | 9,898 | 8,316 |
| Colored Evangeliz | 6,590 | 8,988 | 8,855 | 11,720 | 10,470 |
| Church Erection, | 5,900 | 30,057 | 40,829 | 28,711 | 14,380 |
| Bible Cause, |  | 4,592 | 5,459 | 4,407 | 4,363 |
| Presbyterial, | 14,622 | 14,365 | 16,201 | 14,982 | 14,891 |
| Pastors' Salaries, | 689, 636 | 717,369 | 776,592 | 808,784 | 788,181 |
| Congregational, | 612,502 | 619, 273 | 627,876 | 621,792 | 610,102 |
| Miscellaneous, | 126,962 | 114,590 | 117,490 | 124,776 | 102,367 |
| Total, | \$1,727,263 | \$1,817,335 | \$1,921,630 | 1,943,580 | \$1,888,799 |

JOSEPH R. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

## Places and Times of Synodical Meetings for 1894.

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## STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES

## ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED:

1. To make their Annual Reports to the Assembly, viz. : (1); Statistical, as per form on preceding pages ; (2), on Systematic Beneficence; (3), on Sabbath Schools; (4), Narratives.
2. To make their reports in fair, distinct writing, especially the columus of names and figures in the Statistical Tables.
3. To make them as accurate and as full as possible. When churches do not report to Presbyteries, it is desirable that their numbers of communicants should be inserted from their last reports.
4. To report no fractions in the money columns.
5. To culd up each column of figures with special care.
6. To append to the statistics of Presbyteries a brief account of the changes which have occurred during the year, such as the number of licensures, ordinations, installations, dismissions of pastors, organizations of new churches, and the names of ministers deceased.
7. To transmit their Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly, at the meeting of the Assembly (or at Columbia, S. C., not later than the 10 th of May in each year).

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## TO THE STATED CLERKS OF SYNODS.

It is the duty of these officers promptly to notify the approaching General Assembly, through its Stated Clerk, (1), of the formation or dissolution of Fresbyteries within the bounds of their respective Synods, and (2), by the 1st of May in each year, of the times and places of the next ensuing meetings of these bodies.

## ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

## MINISTERS and LICENTIATES, <br> EMBRACED IN THE PRECEDING PAGES.

Note. -The Post-office addresses in this List in a few cases differ from those given in the Tables, the List having been prepared to correspond as nearly as possible with recent changes. The figures denote the page of the Tables on which the name may be found.

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